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'HOSPITAL HOPES NOT REALISTIC'

Petition slammed as making expectations too high

THE leader of Dover District Council has warned about people's "unrealistic" expectations for an "all-singing, all-dancing hospital".

Cllr Paul Watkins also highlighted the importance of modern health facilities and stated that promising a district hospital for the area was doing the public "a disservice".

But his comments came just a week before MP Gwyn Prosser and a delegation of campaigners head to Downing Street to hand in their petition of 27,000 signatures calling for a general hospital in the town.

■ BY MARIJKE COX

The success of the petition is down to a group of campaigners calling themselves the New Dover Hospital Group, as well as the support of local Tory and Labour politicians Charlie Elphicke and Mr Prosser.

Their fight is for a main hospital instead of the health centre proposed by the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT and East Kent Hospitals Trust.

Cllr Watkins, however, made it clear during a council meeting on Wednesday last week that he was concerned about the "unrealistic" hopes of the people of Dover.

He emphasised the need to concentrate on getting modern, accessible health facilities for the area and the importance of stepping away from the idealistic hopes for a general hospital in the town.

He said: "It is unrealistic to expect an all-singing, all-dancing hospital in Dover. What we need is a replacement for a Victorian slum that is falling down."

"We need to plan realistically for the future. I'm going for realism that will deliver the best we can get."

"What is currently supplied will not meet the needs of the people and we

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SHIP LAUNCH A KCLASS ACT

Classical musician Mylene Klass has carried out her first godmother duties on the Carnival Splendor cruise-liner with a little help from the Royal Navy dive team.

Petty Officer Christian Rumming became Mylene's very own James Bond when he climbed a 60ft rope from beneath the ship to help her launch the spectacular liner.

As she played Rod Stewart's Sailing on a baby grand piano, the diver, donning wet-suit and fins, smashed a bottle of the highly-acclaimed 1994 vintage Nyetimber English sparkling wine over the hull of the ship.

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Three and half years for fraud

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A FINANCIAL adviser who swindled almost £450,000 out of his customers has been jailed for three and a half years.

Gordon Benville, 50, of Wellington Parade in Walmer, had previously pleaded guilty at Canterbury Crown Court to 12 offences of obtaining money transfers by deception, totalling £440,637.64, as well as four fraud offences.

Benville had been trading under the name Kingsfield Commercial Funding when Kent Police's serious economic crime unit began an investigation following reports from two people concerning the financial advice he had given them.

It was discovered he had conned several others, including two pensioners, and as a result he was suspended by the Financial Services Authority and his assets were frozen.

Kent Police said many of the victims, including a 74-year-old man and 72-year-old woman, had been left with financial problems.

Nigel Pilkington, head of the South East complex casework unit, said: "Gordon Benville appeared to be plausible and talk with apparent expertise, but he took the life savings of trusting individuals and caused real financial hardship.

"He did this with ease and without conscience and provided them with false information."

Many of Benville's clients were



OFFENCE: Gordon Benville breached the trust of clients and friends, causing them to lose money

friends of his whom he encouraged to sign incomplete mortgage applications which he later completed himself, asking for a higher amount than needed.

Mr Pilkington said: "He lied from the start. In some cases victims' life savings were wrapped up in these arrangements.

"He took advantage of his friendship with the victims and breached the trust imposed on him by his professional body. Despite knowing this, he carried on involving himself in more fraudulent schemes."

The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS) has begun paying claims against the independent advisor.

Anyone who has dealt with Gordon Benville trading as Kingsfield who believes they may have a claim should phone FSCS on 020 7892 7300.

Post office closure worry

MP Gwyn Prosser has sought urgent talks with Post Office Ltd following the announcement that another branch may have to close.

The shop housing the Lambton Road post office has been sold off to a new business that will not make it available for the continuation of postal services.

But Mr Prosser is searching for an alternative site to take over so that St Radigund's residents do not lose out.

He said: "Post Office Ltd has already closed down a number of offices in my constituency and we

can't afford to lose any more – especially important sites like Lambton Road, which serves the whole of the St Radigund's estate.

"I want to know why we've been given such short notice of the closure and I want to know what Post Office Ltd is doing to ensure continuation of services.

"We may find a solution by installing a post office in the community centre, Coombe Court sheltered housing, or persuading one of the existing retailers to take on the post office."

MP will join group giving petition to Downing St

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do need to press for better facilities." But today the voices of more than 27,000 people are being heard at Number 10 in the form of a petition and Mr Prosser is hopeful the Government will listen.

He said: "I take my hat off to Pauline Major, especially for the fantastic job in collecting so many signatures.

"I'm looking forward to joining the group to hand the petition in to Downing Street.

"It's important to raise the profile of Dover's needs and get the best for my constituents."

Campaigner Reg Hansell is also hoping the petition will have an effect on the ongoing fight for a general hospital.

The Eythorne parish councillor met up with Tory shadow health secretary Andrew Lansley and members of the GP consortium last week to discuss future health facilities.

He said: "It was a very useful meeting. He was well on top of the subject and we were very impressed with everything he said.

"Although at times meetings like this can be about politics, Mr Lansley showed genuine concern.

"He went into great depth and agreed with our need for a proper hospital. He also said he didn't agree with the proposals for a polyclinic."

Charlie Elphicke, Tory parliamentary candidate for Dover and Deal, has been rallying alongside campaigners and arranged the meeting with Mr Lansley.

He said: "The key thing is to bring in at the very least GP-led emergency services and in-patient beds.

"This is key to Dover getting a main hospital. We won't rest until we get this – we must stay on target."

But Cllr Watkins believes the way to gain better health care is to focus on services that people feel are the most important.

He said: "We lost out to save Kent and Canterbury Hospital and the QEQM in Margate.

"Now we've seen Dover decline to the point where we've been designated a community hospital without any beds.

"We have to see how can we get the best for the community and if we need beds then that's where we make our case.

"We have to be realistic in what we're fighting for."



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HOME GROWN: Dave Flynn in his restaurant The Allotment, in Dover High Street, welcomes allotment holders who bring him their fresh produce to serve to his customers

From plot to the pot

Chef digs in to produce fresh dishes and save food miles

THE owner of a restaurant in Dover has launched a campaign promoting the use of home-grown food as a way of beating the credit crunch.

Dave Flynn, who opened The Allotment in June 2007, has been a chef for more than 30 years and his self-sufficient catering style has proved a hit with customers.

Originally from Twickenham in south-west London, Mr Flynn has worked internationally as well as in the UK and through his idea of involving the community in his cooking has brought regular visitors to his restaurant.

He works closely with allotment owners, who

BY MARIJKE COX

supply him with their excess produce and in return he offers meal vouchers or reduced prices on certain dishes.

He said: "Fuelled by the credit crunch, there is no doubt that people are recognising the need to look at ways of cost savings, particularly for food.

"I know as an allotment owner, and the many like-minded people who come to my restaurant, that growing your own is a real way for the consumer to look towards saving money on the day-to-day food bills.

"It's something I believe in passionately and when coming to The Allotment I'm only too

pleased to pass on advice and experience to customers about food self-sufficiency as well as my personally-created recipes and menus."

The restaurant, in Dover High Street, also promotes the need to reduce food miles and the damage caused to the environment by travelling suppliers.

By serving homegrown food, produced and supplied by the community, Mr Flynn believes he can help ease the strain on the environment.

Allotment owners are regular visitors to the restaurant, often bringing with them examples of their produce as well as meeting others to discuss ways of becoming further involved in supplying The Allotment with fresh produce.

For more information, you can visit www.theallotmentdover.com, or phone 01304 214467.

Man is critical after car crash

A MAN from Deal is in a critical condition after being airlifted to hospital following a crash near Dover's Western Docks.

His wife and two young children were also injured in the collision, which happened at 2.10pm on Friday.

Although the cause of the crash is still unknown, it is believed the couple's red Renault car hit a roundabout and then a wall.

The man's wife, thought to be in her 20s, was taken to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford with serious injuries.

Kent Police have said she is in a stable condition.

Her husband, also in his 20s, who was driving, was taken to hospital by air ambulance with head injuries.

He remains in a critical condition in a London hospital.

The two children were taken to the William Harvey Hospital, although they have since been released.

Kent Police closed the road while the serious collision investigation unit and other emergency services attended.

Police have not yet named the driver or passengers.

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Honour for dedicated sports men

TWO men who have dedicated their time to helping young people play sport have been honoured in the House of Commons.

William Hay, from St Margaret's, and Richard McCarthy, from Dover, received Local Hero Awards for their services to football and refereeing.

The pair were nominated by Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser, who praised them for the work they have put in over the years.

He presented Mr McCarthy with his certificate at the House of Commons, and Mr Hay, who was not well enough to attend the ceremony, at his home in St Margaret's.

Mr Prosser said: "The big gongs and ceremonial honours all too often go to the so-called great and good.

"To people who have enjoyed lucrative careers rather than the real heroes in our communities who work tirelessly for no material rewards whatsoever.

"There are lots more local heroes in my constituency, of course, but it's nice to see these two, who have each dedicated more than 40 years of voluntary service, get the recognition that they deserve."

False floor hid 20k of cocaine

A DRUG-SMUGGLING duo have been sentenced to 33 years in prison after being caught with cocaine valued at £800,000 at the Port of Dover.

Sotiris Andreas, 50, and Pavlos Andronicou, 61, both from Enfield, were found guilty at Canterbury Crown Court of importing 20 kilos of the Class A drug through the Eastern Docks in September 2007.

Almost half of the cocaine was 100 per cent pure and the street value would have increased significantly when 'cut' by drug dealers.

In total, the estimated value would have been more than £1 million.

Officers of HM Revenue and Customs discovered the contraband in a false floor running the length of a vehicle driven by Andreas on September 30.

Andronicou, who was travelling in a separate vehicle, was arrested at a later date.

Both men were charged with the importation of a Class A drug.

Andreas was sentenced to 14 and a half years in jail and

Andronicou, who is serving two and a half years at Belmarsh prison for cannabis importation, will serve 19 years.

Malcolm Bragg, assistant investigation director, said: "This conviction is the latest success for HM Revenue and Customs.

"Our investigators, now working alongside detection officers from the UK Border Agency at ports and airports, continue to play a key role in protecting communities by reducing the availability of drugs on UK streets.

"We will not hesitate to pursue those who commit this type of offence so that they can be effectively prosecuted by the Revenue and Customs Prosecution Office.

"The sentence handed down will act as a deterrent to those contemplating this serious form of criminality and clearly shows that crime doesn't pay."

HMRC asks that anyone with information about suspicious activity that may be linked to drug-smuggling call their hotline on 0800 595000 or email customs.hotline@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk.

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Waiting time is cut

A PRIVATE audiology company has reduced its waiting times for patients needing hearing aids.

Hearbase Ltd, based in Folkestone, has worked with the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust to cut the time from 88 weeks to just eight for NHS patients in Dover, Canterbury, Ashford and Folkestone.

More than 2,000 patients have been seen so far and the NHS waiting list target for a consultation has been met and reduced to eight weeks after the initial consultation with a GP.

Patients are also provided with after-care at 27-32 Maison Dieu Road, Dover, including hearing tests and battery replacement.

Managing director Mark Scutchings said: "While NHS patients in many parts of the country are still waiting more than a year for a digital hearing aid, that is not the case in Dover."

Visit www.hearbase.com for details.

Channel bookings up

SUMMER ferry bookings are on the up as travellers choose low-price fares to the Continent.

P&O Ferries has reported a ten per cent rise in bookings for August, with the increase believed to be down to poor British weather and cheap ferry prices.

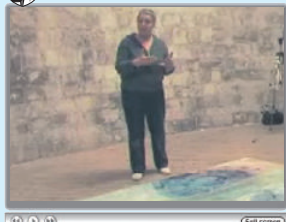
Sarah Staughton, head of marketing at P&O, said: "There may be a credit crunch, but people are fed up with doom and gloom and are finding ways to go abroad without breaking the bank."

"People know a good deal when they see one. We've got fares from £37 for families to take their cars across."

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French and Dover artists share their talents. Search 'artists'

Elderly service axed but better care is promised

A SERVICE providing round-the-clock help for elderly people is being shut down because of financial difficulties.

White Cliffs Careline, which was started in 1987 by Dover District Council, provides 24-hour assistance to vulnerable people, offering reassurance and a link to the emergency services.

At the push of a button, those using the service can get immediate help from control centre staff, enabling them to live independently but with added support.

However, following a review in 2006, it was revealed that the provision had a deficit of £174,000

BY MARIJKE COX

and was running at a substantial loss.

During a council meeting on Thursday last week it was decided the service would close by April next year with an alternative put in place.

In the consultation period prior to the meeting, 86 per cent of the careline's clients said arrangements could be made for a transfer to another careline, with four per cent making their own arrangements.

Cllr Sue Nicholas, portfolio holder for housing, said: "Modern technology is progressing, but we can't afford to carry this out."

"An alternative is best for the 2,500 people we serve as they will be able to get a cheaper and much more advanced service."

"That is no criticism to the staff working at the careline at the moment, but other providers will be able to give a cheaper and better service as we just don't have up-to-date equipment."

Other council members, however, were against the decision and felt that no alternative was being put in place.

Cllr Mark Furnival, portfolio holder for ICT, consumer affairs and HR, said: "This is a cut – there is no other provision being introduced. Where is the alternative for these people?"

But council leader Paul Watkins stressed the importance of the decision.

He said: "Clients can have a seamless transition to another provider which, in all probability, will give a better service."

"If we don't do this now we will be denying them what they need." Despite 15 councillors opposing the recommendation, the vote was carried and it was confirmed that the care line would close in April.

Cllr Charles Kirby said: "This is of great benefit to the people we care about. At the moment they have a very basic service."

"The new technology is vastly improved and will allow them to move into the 21st century."

JOIN THE PARTY IN THE PARK



A special celebration is being held to commemorate 125 years of Dover's Connaught Park.

Organised by Dover District Council, the event is being held on Sunday from 12.30pm to 4.30pm and guests are invited to take a picnic and relax in the surroundings, which are pictured here 125 years ago.

As well as a roving magician, children's rides and a brass band, a Victorian melodrama is being put on by Dover Youth Theatre.

Stalls and display stands will also be available for visitors to browse.

Cllr Sue Nicholas said: "Connaught Park is a beautiful asset and has been enjoyed by generations of families living in and visiting Dover."

"We are delighted to be able to celebrate the park and its outstanding history, and we hope as many people as possible come along to celebrate this special anniversary."

The council has recently drained and cleaned the park's pond and restored the original Victorian fountain.

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PLATINUM COUPLE: Leslie and Evelyn Tutthill first met when they were aged ten and nine, then married in their 20s

Together ness is key to 70 happy years

LESLIE and Evelyn Tutthill first met as children in a Sunday school group at London Road Methodist Church.

Now, more than 80 years on, the Dover couple have toasted their platinum wedding anniversary celebrating 70 years of happy marriage.

The couple, of Godwyne Close, were married on July 15, 1938, at what is now The Beacon Church and have two sons, Keith and Graham, and three grandchildren, Veronica, Paul and Chris.

Four of their six bridesmaids are still alive and at 95 and 94 Mr and Mrs Tutthill are still blissfully happy, putting it down to common interests and "togetherness".

Mrs Tutthill said: "We get on very well and I think having the same interests has helped us have a good marriage. We care for each other very much and are thankful to have been given so long together."

The two have been involved with church activities all their lives, with their first meeting being at a Sunday school group when they were just children.

Mrs Tutthill said: "There was a group of us that went to church and we all met up each week."

■ BY MARIJKE COX

"I first met my husband when he was ten and I was nine. We eventually got together years later and were married in our 20s."

Before they wed, Mr Tutthill worked at Henry Hart's outfitters in London Road, then joined Stillwell and Harby solicitors as a clerk where he worked for 25 years.

He served with the RAF during the Second World War and joined the special constabulary, serving for 30 years and becoming Special Chief Inspector.

In 1953, he began work at a firm of solicitors in Hythe, retiring in 1978 as a legal executive.

Mrs Tutthill worked at Murdoch's music shop in Biggin Street, Dover, as a secretary book-keeper before marrying and in later years taught at Sunday school. She was also an organist and flower arranger.

The couple have spent much of their life in the voluntary sector, including work with the Red Cross trolley at Buckland Hospital and at the Hospice Shop.

Mrs Tutthill said: "Patience and togetherness have helped us in our marriage."

"We've also always been happy living here in Dover."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Pets now enjoying the family holiday

A DRAMATIC rise has been seen in the number of families holidaying with their pets, with the Port of Dover being the most popular point of departure.

Since pet passports came into the UK four years ago, more and more people have been choosing to visit mainland Europe in the company of their animals.

Last year almost 90,000 dogs came back into the country with their owners, compared with 57,000 in 2004.

Kate O'Hara, head of commercial and marketing at the Port of Dover, said: "The British love affair with their pets is well recognised. "Taking the family pet on a ferry crossing from Dover is quick and simple. Owners will also find ferry fares from here among the cheapest on the Channel."

As the growth in ferry travel continues, it is predicted that more pets will be sailing through the Port of Dover.

The pet passport scheme is run by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).

Summer opening for café is drawing near

WORK on the new-look café-bar on Deal Pier is well under way.

The £1.4 million development is expected to be finished by the end of the summer and will boast edge walls made of glass, timber frames and a host of environmentally-friendly features.

Cllr Nigel Collor, Dover District Council cabinet member for access and property management, said: "We are very pleased that work is progressing well and we look forward to seeing the new café-bar open."

Barwick Construction Services has the building contract and the design was created by renowned architects Niall McLaughlin.

Demonstrating safety

A COMMUNITY safety day is being held at Pencerst Gardens in Dover with demonstrations from emergency services.

Police officers, Kent Fire and Rescue and representatives from voluntary organisations will be putting on displays, showing what they get up to in their jobs.

The free event, organised by the Dover District Community Safety Partnership, is being held on Saturday from 11am-4pm.

The partnership is made up of a number of agencies, including Dover District Council, Kent County Council, the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT and HM Customs and Excise.

Appearing at the Winter Gardens www.leisureforce.co.uk

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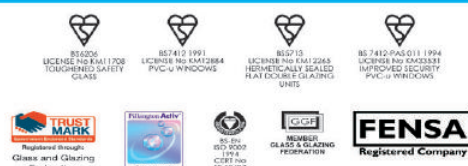
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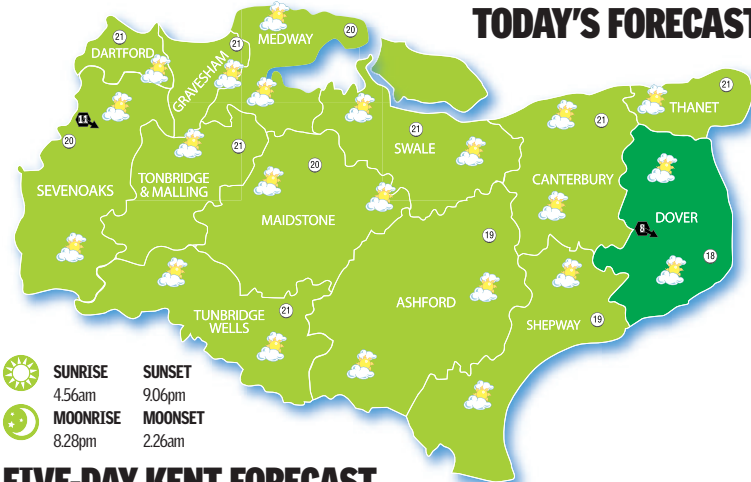
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	Sunday	1:51pm	5.6m
Dover	Saturday	11:36am	6.0m
	Sunday	12:11pm	6.2m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:27am	6.8m
	Sunday	12:06pm	7.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	12:06pm	4.6m
	Sunday	12:41pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	1:03pm	5.3m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:04pm	5.0m
	Sunday	1:41pm	5.1m



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Athens	33°C	New York	28°C
Barcelona	23°C	Paris	22°C
Beijing	26°C	Rome	26°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	18°C
Cape Town	18°C	Tenerife	25°C
Cardiff	18°C	Tokyo	32°C
Gibraltar	25°C	Vancouver	21°C
Hong Kong	31°C	Warsaw	16°C
Las Palmas	25°C	Wellington	13°C



SUNRISE 4.56am
SUNSET 9.06pm
MOONRISE 8.28pm
MOONSET 2.26am

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	23°C	20°C	18°C	19°C	19°C	Gravesend	24°C	21°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
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New Boulogne ferry set to sail into port

CASH totaling £65 million is being poured into the port of Boulogne to accommodate the new shipping line which will sail into Dover from July 1 next year.

A derelict area of the docks is to be developed with cash from Government sources and an investment by the town's Chamber of Commerce. Initially, one new berth will be provided for the initial Louis Dreyfus line ship to operate from, but a second will be added later.

The service will inaugurate the new Ro-Ro (roll-on, roll-off) terminal in the Port of Boulogne.

Construction of the second phase with the addition of a second berth will be completed by 2010. This new dock will be able to accommodate conventional ships such as ferries and high-speed vessels such as catamarans.

Francis Leroy, president of the Boulogne Chamber of Commerce, said: "This represents a significant development for the Port of Boulogne and confirms our determination to regenerate its activities by becoming a major player, particularly in the ever-increasing cross-Channel freight market."

"The Ro-Ro terminal and introduction of the LD Lines new cross-Channel service from Dover is expected to create 150 new jobs, with the majority being in the Port of Boulogne."

Freight and tourist traffic, including coaches, cars and additional foot passengers, will be carried on the new service.

Four daily return sailings will be provided, with a crossing time of one hour 45 minutes and the Norman Spirit likely to be confirmed as the ship that will be used for the crossings.

The ship has capacity for 1,850 passengers, 700 cars and 110 lorries and is currently operating on the LD Lines Western Channel route between Portsmouth and Le Havre.

LD Lines directeur général Christophe Santoni said: "The company's arrival to the short sea cross-Channel market is a major expansion for LD Lines and operating to the new Boulogne Hub-Port presents excellent commercial potential."

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MORE than 100,000 people flocked to the Kent Show last weekend – leaving the organisers struggling to cope.

Thousands of motorists were left fuming as they sat in queues of traffic for up to two hours to get into the County Showground in Detling Hill on Sunday.

The show's general manager, David Goff, admitted they had been a victim of their own success – and had underestimated the number of families attending the last day of the three-day event.

He put the congestion down to a system of temporary traffic lights and road works implemented to block off U-turn junctions.

Mr Goff said: "When you have a system, you have to run with it. We had a lot of people here over the weekend and a lot more on Sunday than we thought."

But the show itself, now in its 79th year, was a huge success – with the Dancing Diggers, show-jumping and a giant walking robot among the highlights.

There were more than 900 stalls across the 250-acre site and a selection of sheep, cows, goats and horses battling to win prizes.

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The only concern was when a member of an army parachute display team had to be taken to hospital with back injuries after being blown off course in gusting winds on Friday.

The parachutist was part of The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment's The Tigers, who are renowned for their acrobatic displays at events nationwide – he has been recovering at Maidstone hospital.

Fund-raisers from Demelza House Children's Hospice in Bobbing had thousands of visitors flock to their stall, which offered children face-painting and a life-size Tardis and Dalek from TV show Doctor Who to be photographed next to.

Youngsters could also enter a prize draw for a BMX bike in celebration of the 10th birthday of the hospice for terminally ill children.

Demelza area fund-raising manager Donna Wells said: "This event is really important for us because it attracts so many people county-wide who may not know about Demelza



POPULAR: There were so many entertainments on offer at the show that organisers were overwhelmed by visitor numbers

House and the families that it serves in Kent."

Leigh Holmes, of the Hawking Centre at Leeds Castle, put on a display of birds of prey at the show.

He said: "It's just really nice to get out and show to loads of different people. I like the countryside area of the ground – you've got reindeer and gundogs, as well as falconry."

"It's quintessentially English, which I like."

Kent Scouts were also out in force, with about 50 volunteers promoting the work of the organisation across the county.

Jane Town, adult development officer, said: "We're here to promote Scouting and make



sure people know what it's all about, which is a whole variety of things."

The Kent Youth Trials Club had riders demonstrating their skills on a dedicated dirt track, complete with obstacles at the entrance to the heritage area.

One of its star protégés is seven-year-old Ieuan Jones, from Ashford, who has only been riding for ten months.

Dad Tony said: "He loves it – every weekend he's out on the bike, he absolutely adores it and spends a couple of days of just solid riding. He's in his element."

One of the main attractions was the dancing diggers display. Comprising five JCB 3CX diggers and one Bobcat mini-loader, the stunt team from Diggerland in Strood wowed the crowds with versatile formations such as leaning on their sides at 90 degrees and performing dare-devil wheelie stunts.

Team captain Lee Cooper, who has been involved with the team for the past 23 years, describes their routine as "synchronised swimming with diggers".

He said: "It's the first time we've been back here for about 12 years. We do all of the big county shows all over the country and it's good to be at our local one in Kent again."

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Watchdog wants to hear your concerns

KENT Police Authority will be quizzing people in shopping centres countywide over the next few weeks to identify the main anti-social behaviour concern.

The roadshows follow last year's tour which identified anti-social behaviour as the biggest issue for residents across the county.

Shoppers will be asked to vote on the following potential concerns as identified by police research:

- Teenagers hanging around;
- Rubbish or litter left lying about;
- Vandalism, graffiti or deliberate damage;
- People being drunk or rowdy in public;

■ BY NICK AMES

- People using or dealing drugs.

The tour will run until August 22 and gives the public a chance to meet authority members and police community support officers.

The locations and times of the visits are:

- Maidstone, Chequers Centre, July 28, 11am-3pm;
- Bluewater, July 29, 10am-3pm;
- Folkestone (Asda), July 30, 11am-4pm;
- Ashford, County Square, August 1, 11am-3pm;
- Chatham, Pentagon Centre, August 7, 11am-3pm;
- Kings Hill (Asda), August 15, 11am-4pm;

- Sittingbourne (Asda), August 22, 11am-4pm.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes said: "The authority acts as a watchdog and we need to let people know there is someone overseeing policing across Kent and Medway.

"Last year we found that anti-social behaviour was the biggest issue for residents. Now we want to find out in more detail what the issues are.

"It will be interesting to see the results as we now have neighbourhood policing under way.

"It is our job to make sure taxpayers get the best value for money. One of our core roles is to find out what people want from policing and I'll be watching with interest to see what the public choose as their top anti-social behaviour priority."



HIDDEN ANXIETY: Kent Police Authority wants to uncover the main public worries



CASH FLOW: Income from Dartford crossing tolls is to be diverted away from Kent

End of the road for county's toll cash

KENT residents are losing out in cash for roads from the Dartford crossing tolls and the system needs to change, according to county councillors.

KCC's Cllr Keith Ferrin said the crossing charging system needed a "radical overhaul" in order for local motorists to benefit.

His call follows news that cash received by the county authority from tolls is set to stop.

The Department of Transport is proposing a discount scheme for drivers in Dartford to pay a £10 registration fee in return for 50 free crossings a year, due to be introduced in the

autumn. However, the £1 million a year which KCC has been getting from the tolls towards planned integrated transport schemes is being phased out.

Cllr Ferrin, the cabinet member for highways, said: "The Dartford tolls don't reduce congestion, they add to it. Motorists are repeatedly held up in lengthy queues on both sides and residents suffer from noise pollution.

"While Kent has been receiving £1 million a year in loan sanctions – meaning we have been allowed to borrow the money – in future we will not even get that.

"The Government is going to divert

the cash away from Kent into national transport projects, while we continue to suffer.

"There must be better ways of doing this which are of benefit to more people in Kent. The charging system needs a radical overhaul to make it fairer for all.

"As it stands, residents in Gravesend won't get the benefit from the proposed discount even though they live four kilometres closer to the crossing than people living on the Essex side who do qualify.

"We believe in putting the people of Kent first. These proposals seem to do the opposite."

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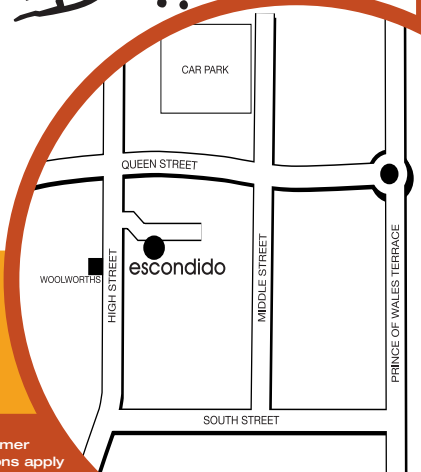


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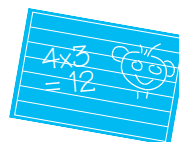
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BREAK TIME

Science project will test skills

SIXTEEN of east Kent's young scientists have been chosen to take part in the annual Pfizer Biology Project Week.

Of those selected, four are from schools in the Dover district and they will be treated to a seven-day residential course.

Graham Boustead of Dover Grammar School for Boys, Emily Fabrice of Dover Grammar School for Girls and Oreoluwa Bajomo and Christopher Burnap of Sir Roger Manwood's in Sandwich will all take part.

The sixth-formers will work in pairs on a selection of projects set by Pfizer researchers to test their skills and knowledge.

They will attend lectures and seminars given by leading scientists and will visit the firm's research laboratories at Sandwich.

The most successful projects will be recognised at an award ceremony at the end of the course.

Changing times as work completed

THE final phase of redevelopment work at Whitfield and Aspen School has been completed.

All mainstream classrooms have been refurbished, the school hall has been separated into two areas and a new kitchen has been built to provide on-site cooked meals.

Changing rooms and a staff-room have also been built.

In addition, a Supporting Multi-Inclusive Learning and Education (SMILE) centre will be built to support the district in resources and training for additional education needs.

Pupils show they are up to the Army challenge

BY MARIJKE COX

STUDENTS from Castle Community College in Deal have scooped top prize at the Kent Army Schools Challenge.

More than 400 pupils from across the county took part in the event, held at Sir John Moore Barracks in Shorncliffe, with a number of military activities taking place throughout the day.

The challenge examined teamwork, communication and stamina with activities including target shooting, gun runs and a combat stretcher race.

Pupils were also expected to navigate an inflatable obstacle course and take part in a combat sports race.

Major Carol Miller, event organiser, said: "The students really excelled and got stuck into all the activities."

"Everyone, including the soldiers and teachers, had a fantastic day and some of the students showed a real interest in career opportunities in the regular and Territorial Army."

"The military-based activities they took part in relate to the different trades in the Army and scenarios soldiers may come across."

"Along with the 140 different trades within the seven career groups, the students have also learnt other aspects of Army life: the travel, training, qualifications,



TEAMWORK: Castle Community College pupils celebrate their success after coming first in the sixth Kent Army Schools Challenge

pay and camaraderie. We would like to thank all the soldiers from the 11 regiments who supported, trained and mentored the students throughout the day.

"Everyone is looking forward to coming back for the seventh Army Schools Challenge."

The winning schools were chosen from a range of criteria, including speed, accuracy and performance.

The community college team showed off its skills and scooped first place, winning a selection of sporting equipment for the school, along with individual prizes for each member of the team.

Every participant who took part in the event was given an Army Be The Best goodie bag.

Thirty-one schools from across Kent entered, including Walmer Science College in Deal.

Second place on the day went to Gravesend Grammar School and third place Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne.

The regular and Territorial Army are recruiting, with places available for men and women aged between 16-34 for regulars and 17-43 for territorials.

More information about the challenge can be found at www.army.mod.uk.

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Let's return Le Stink with our unique county pong

WE on the Channel coast again find ourselves on the front line of a major new threat from our neighbours on the Continent.

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I refer of course to the great stink which has been rolling in waves across the Channel for the past few months.

It can be smelt right across the county and, although it's at its worst the nearer you are to the shoreline, nowhere has really escaped.

Something is rotten in the state of Europe. The bad air which has haunted these shores is the result of the prevailing winds.

Experts say it will soon be gone as pressure equalises and the unusual combination of events which brought it into being are halted.

But our spring was ruined on several days when it has been impossible to go outside.

The first time I noticed it was in early April. Later that month it returned and it was back with a vengeance just the other week during a

warmish spell before high winds got rid of it. There are various fingers pointing at culprits – but it seems we can declare it's most likely to be the French. Or the Germans.

We do know that it is industrial in origin – partly. So the factories of northern France can have part of the blame. But the Germans can also share responsibility.

Animal dung from pigs is one source of the smell, according to environmental investigators who say their diet has been changed.

But they do concede there is an unhealthy addition of chemical effluent by some factories which are taking advantage of lapses in the wording of environmental protection bills.

So what could be worse than French factories and German hogs?

By calling up the Met Office, I got to speak to someone who seemed to know what they were talking about and this is what they told me.

Apparently the French factories (Le Stink) and the German pigs (Der Stinkers) were partially responsible, but there were other factors.

In fact, the whole lot of them in Europe are to blame. I got told by the helpful Met person

that the smell was the "odour of everyday life in northern Europe".

It is the pig farms and the factories, but there are other equally unpleasant contributors.

These include the by-products of the manufacture of Belgian chocolate, diesel fumes from lorries, slurry spread on fields after a winter ban in Holland on it being dispersed and many thousands of other aromas emanating from people, places and things.

The official explanation is that this all got together in one vast cloud high up in the atmosphere and the winds then blew it in this direction and, as pressure changed, it lost its altitude – thus descending on Kent.

We put up with many things from the Continent: rubbish beer, aggressive lorry drivers, bogus asylum seekers and Plastic Bertrand.

I suggest we hit back with a traditional collection of British smells – gather them all in a cloud and blow it over the Channel.

A combination of pork scratchings, stale real ale, Maidstone high street on a Friday night and the M20 during Operation Stack should do the trick.

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TALK TIME

JANET CAMERON

The author of *Murder and Crime: Dover* explains more about her trade and her love of life in Dover



Could you tell us about yourself?

I consider myself a writing hack as I like to try many different kinds of writing. Besides local history, I write non-fiction articles and short stories. I have been writing and teaching since the late 80s, although last year I retired from lecturing for the University of Kent. Another writer, Paul Curd, and I have created a project called Word Fountain, responsible for running courses in creative writing in Kent. We have a residential course in St Mary Hoo in mid-August. Details are at <http://wordfountain.wordpress.com>.

When and how did you get into writing?

I wrote a book about women in business in 1988 since I had first-hand experience of running a small stationery and printing business at a time when this was a male-orientated industry. I felt I had an unusual perspective on the trials of women wanting to get on in the business world – it wasn't so easy for us in those days. Shortly after, I wrote a novel, *Surrogate Lover*. The two were published within one month of each other and both were translated into other languages. It was beginners' luck, or so I was told. I'd been beavering away at writing for years, but no one seems to realise that.

What did you enjoy most about writing *Murder and Crime: Dover*?

I love Dover, its colour and history. There are other places more beautiful, but few can claim to be more interesting than this busy port with its amazing castle and many styles of architecture. The best thing about writing the book was the range of historical and criminal characters I encountered in the process and plenty of interesting stuff about the military and the crimes committed by soldiers and the prostitutes who depended on them.

YOUR LETTERS

Lots of us enjoyed a cracking festival

What the heck are people causing such a fuss about? Zoo8 was absolutely wicked and I don't see Yourshepway voicing the opinions of those who did enjoy themselves ('Catalogue of woes rocks big festival').

I just see the press criticising a good event.

So the queues were a little long... big deal, it was a massive event with a big turn-out, they delayed the start because of the queues so people didn't miss out!

A few acts didn't turn up because apparently they hadn't been paid, but the organisers then did their best to rearrange.

A tent being closed due to health and safety... I'd rather than be crushed if it had collapsed. Do people not think of this?

The organisers did a good job considering the pressures of what happened due to no fault of their own. I hope they carry on and have a Zoo9!

I camped there all weekend and loved it – great music and a great atmosphere!

Vicki
Dover

It's all part of the experience for me

Regular festival-goers shouldn't have been fazed. Last year at Global Gathering the queue was over six hours long and camping and toilet facilities were horrible, but that's expected – and that for a big-name festival that's been running for years. This was Zoo8's first festival, and the scale was amazing, despite shocking let-downs from headliners.

MI

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Zoo8 coverage was fair and balanced

I have just read your story about Zoo8 and I'd say it was a pretty fair assessment.

We went on the Saturday and queued for about an hour, so I guess I was lucky. Very strange system of giving out the wristbands, though – chaotic even.

Also the information was appalling, especially when one of the tents was closed, so a lot of

Why was there only one queue?

We queued for four-and-a-half hours, didn't get any directions or anything, and had to carry everything from the car park, more than 20 minutes away.

The queues for VIP, weekend and day tickets were all one line, which was the cause of the delays, and all the bands up to 4pm on Friday got cancelled, not delayed.

Then Dizzee Rascal didn't even turn up.

Jon Biron

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Hardly what you'd call VIP treatment

We travelled a long way to see the acts at Zoo8 and spent a lot of money on weekend VIP tickets, which ended up being pointless as 'extras' like the showers weren't working properly all weekend and the toilets were ruined.

When the music was playing, it was great. However, we were forced to leave early on Saturday as security was so bad that the VIP area had people who weren't supposed to be in there thieving. Our tent was targeted.

Jamie Leonard

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Just four toilets for 10,000 music fans

This event was a disgrace! We queued for four hours in the sun to shoe-horn our tents into a campsite that had four toilets for more than 10,000 people. By Saturday all the men's toilets were full to the brim.

The people who ran this should not be allowed to get away with it or run events again.

Dan Pullen

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

The criminals were having a good time

We are appalled to learn there were just three arrests.

We saw so much crime, from thieving and robbing to assaults, drug-taking and people asking for drugs. We saw people hauled off site and having their

wristbands cut off, but they sneaked back in.

Rachael

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

The no-show divas were being selfish

Dizzee Rascal didn't show up and kept what money he was paid.

It was a first-time festival – did it not even occur to him how much that would cost the organisers, not just financially, but their reputation?

They did amazingly considering such diva-like behaviour. The sets were fantastic, and sound systems put other festivals to shame. Well done!

MD

via comments on www.kentnews.co.uk

Wonderful tribute made me so proud

It was wet and windy, but that didn't put a damper on the Battle of Britain memorial service at Capel-le-Ferne.

All those on parade were magnificent – especially the band. Their instruments got as soaked as they did, their music turned with the wind and yet I never heard a single wrong note.

The selection of music was inspiring. You couldn't help but feel proud and how apt it was to see the 'top brass' allies from abroad present – most movingly when they laid their wreaths, stepped back and saluted.

Sincere congratulations to all participants and the splendid organisers. You all deserve a commendation.

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LEGENDS: Stan Tracey, the godfather of British jazz, will perform at the Gulbenkian Theatre, while Sid Bailey (inset) will make music with son Sam

THE Orange Street Summer of Jazz Festival will open with a flourish when it welcomes the legendary Stan Tracey.

Widely acknowledged as 'the godfather of British jazz', Tracey's career has spanned six decades and he is considered to be a hugely influential musician. He has influenced and stimulated not only his contemporaries, but every generation with which he has worked.

He is a prolific composer, having written 20 commissions and 40 of his own albums, and he is renowned for combining the percussive melody of Thelonious Monk with the robust lyricism of Duke Ellington.

Adding his idiosyncratic style, he has created exceptional music throughout his career. Tracey has been appointed a CBE and has also won the BBC Radio Jazz Award for Lifetime Achievement.

He returns to Canterbury following his sell-out concert last year. You can

see him give a trio performance at the Gulbenkian Theatre at 7.45pm on Thursday, July 24. Tickets cost £16/£14. To book, phone the box office on 01227 769075, or visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

The line-up of jazz acts continues at Orange Street Music Venue, where highlights will include experimental four-piece Outhouse on Friday, July 25; vocalist Gwyneth Herbert on Saturday, July 26; local pianists the David Rees-Williams Trio on Sunday, July 27; and piano and acoustic guitar duo Westcott & Rodway on Thursday, July 31.

There will be a family feeling to the festival when Sam and Sid Bailey make their contributions. On Monday, July 28, pianist Sam will perform as part of The Quartet, along with Jack Hughs on guitar, Tom Mason on double bass and Dave Smith on drums, while his father Sid will appear with the Sid Bailey Tailgate Six on Friday, August 1.

The six musicians have spent a

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And you can discover what jazz mixed with heavy metal sounds like when Led Bib takes to the stage, while Huw Warren, winner of the BBC Innovation in Jazz Award, combines folk, jazz and classical influences in his piano compositions.

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The blooms will be displayed from 10am to 6pm daily until Sunday. During this time visitors will receive a 15 per cent discount on the normal admission prices which are £6.50/£5.20 for

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Sunday and Monday, July 20-21
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Radio 2 DJ Bob Harris described the sisters' harmonies as "exquisite and captivating" and Maidstone music fans can hear them on Sunday, with their special guest Christine LeDoux.

On Monday Valerie Smith and her band Liberty Pike will be bringing their high-energy sound to Maidstone, showing why they are one of the UK's favourite American bluegrass acts. Talented fiddle player and singer/songwriter Becky Buller has been in the band for several years and now she and Smith have recorded a new album together.

Both concerts start at 8pm. Tickets cost £8 in advance or £10 on the door for the Haley Sisters gig and £10 in advance or £12 on the door for Valerie Smith. To book call 01622 744481.



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EASTRY Flower Festival can be enjoyed in the historic church of St Mary The Virgin this week.

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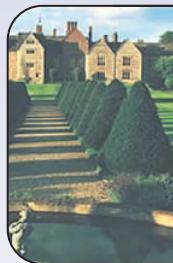


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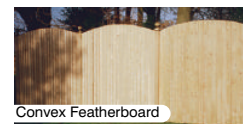
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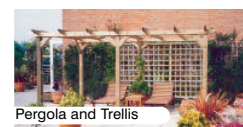
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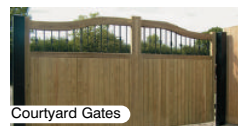
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YOUR TV REVIEW

BACK TO YOU
More 4, 9.35pm, Wednesday
MY FAMILY
BBC One, 8pm, Wednesday

■ BY TOM BETTS

IN the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

On the second day God said: "Let there be Cheers," and he saw Cheers, and he saw that it was good.

On the third day, God created Fraiser and he saw that it too was good.

On the fourth day he said: "Let there be Back to You," – and that's where it all went horribly wrong.

It's not that this latest American sitcom is awful or that it doesn't occasionally raise a titter, but that it's almost an exact replica of its predecessor – just with a few nips and tucks.

Kelsey Grammar's last big project may have been a bonafide TV classic where he demonstrated that he was one of the few genuinely interesting TV actors left, but the whiff of laziness hangs over this like smog over the Olympic stadium.

It's a real disappointment that instead of moving on as he appeared to be doing (he played the bright blue, muscle-bound Thing in X Men 3 for those who didn't know) it's frustrating to see he has decided to plough the same furrow as a bumbling, middle-aged, unlucky-in-love male once again. You wonder why they would bother to remake a show that has only been off the air a few seasons, when they could have simply stretched out the original a little longer if need be.

If you never saw Fraiser then this could work for you, but it's still a drop in quality and I'd leave well alone if you were a fan of the shrink's antics and would rather not tarnish the memory.

I've never quite understood the pub-



OLD JOKES: Kelsey Grammar (right) seems to have made an error with More 4's Back To You

lic's fascination with My Family. I could more easily understand a fascination with my family, but no, not My Family.

I don't know anyone who tunes in, or will admit to it, yet it's a massive ratings hit for the BBC. Clearly some of you out there do like it.

Under the canned laughter though, I've always wondered where the jokes are hiding.

As the show simply isn't amusing I guess the appeal is that, in general, this overly silly, suburban nightmare is a closer representation of a typical family than those portrayed by say, EastEnders and picks up viewers who take comfort in that.

Not the heartiest recommendation for a comedy to compare it to a soap opera, but I really have laughed harder at Pauline Fowler's cardigans.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)
GETTING help from a friend, lover or colleague is will be invaluable. If you keep turning this person away, your relationship will fall apart at the seams. You need to learn how to become more open. If that means relinquishing some of your independence, so be it.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)
YOU finally have the money to buy something for your home. Refuse to feel guilty about indulging your love of luxury. You're long overdue for a treat. Making more time for simple pleasures like gardening and craftwork will put you in touch with similarly creative people.
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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)
THIS week highlights your wit, charm, and grace. Now is the time to ask for that special favour. Trust your instincts with regard to a finance. It will require lots of effort on your part, but the long-term rewards will be worth it. A difficult work situation could come to an end.
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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)
YOU know just what to do and say to win favour with the public. This is an excellent time to go on job interviews and auditions. Your extensive knowledge wins you points with an important committee. News about a business matter could open up exciting doors.
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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)
WORK becomes a lot more pleasant this week. Maybe you'll be given a plum assignment. It's even possible an unpleasant colleague will change jobs. You should take time to celebrate. Worrying less about your job gives you more time for the people and activities you love.
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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)
TAKING a short trip for pleasure could give you valuable perspective. Stop spending your precious time on thankless duties that make you miserable. A moneymaking idea allows you to spend more time with your family. It also gives you the freedom of working for yourself.
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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)
SPENDING time on your own helps recharge your spiritual batteries. Friends give you positive feedback about a personal decision. Having their support will make all the difference to your ultimate success. You could even get help from an unexpected source.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
GOING on a trip could be in the cards. You've been longing to expand your horizons. Be sure to visit a city with an element of glamour to it. If you're single, you could meet someone special on this journey. The two of you will feel an instant physical attraction.
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)
THIS week opens an extended period of fun, romance and adventure. Enjoy this phase to the fullest. It will be much easier to strike a healthy balance between your personal and professional lives. A sudden revelation could help you come to terms with a long-held grudge.
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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)
MONEY becomes more readily available for creature comforts. The happiness these possessions bring will be worth the investment. Learning a valuable skill makes you more confident. A dynamic instructor helps you soak up information like a sponge. They think you have talent.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)
BEAUTIFYING a public space will be a good use of your time. You're greatly attuned to your surroundings. You may be surprised to learn how many people share your disgust and will work to improve things. Favourable publicity could come as a result of these efforts.
To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)
BECOMING intimate with a love interest will prove a welcome distraction. It's a relief to be able to let down your defences. The more honest you are, the stronger your relationship will become. It's especially important to discuss taboo subjects, like religion, sex, and prejudices.
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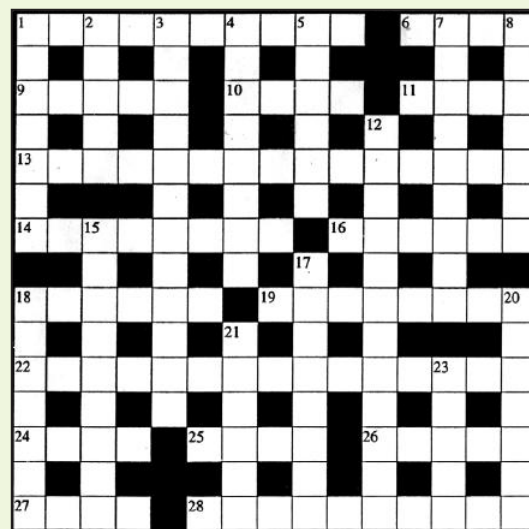
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- 10 Loud performance in reality (4)
- 11 Some dreamboat in pulp! (4)
- 13 In following as a result of it being trivial (15)
- 14 Denial that it's brat playing with lute (8)
- 16 Miniature fly appears before time (6)
- 18 Medicine for head zookeeper on account (6)
- 19 Negligent not having a concern (8)
- 22 It is something credit customer cannot have (8,3,4)
- 24 Man I name taking Virginia inside (4)
- 25 Reckless little wife removed lid (4)
- 26 A few need space to make revving up noise (5)
- 27 Gold-coloured security (4)
- 28 Merry boy on board (5,5)

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- 1 More pithy but of less interest to a vegetarian? (7)
- 2 Appallingly execrable earl leaves boat! (5)
- 3 Teacher in show business? (12)
- 4 Rob fellow soldier (8)
- 5 Hair-raising in prison? (4-2)
- 7 Arriving about midday initially with the Parisian mix (9)
- 8 Small amount of liquid allowed to fall first (7)
- 12 Is one trained on the job? (6-6)
- 15 Reserve seat at market perhaps (9)
- 17 Daughter laid off extraordinary bloomer (8)
- 18 Penny putting in ingredients for stuffing (7)
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- 23 A desire to be in company (5)

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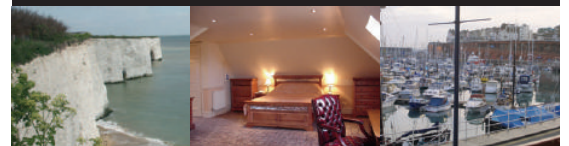
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- 18 Clannish (6)
- 19 Eastern US state (8)
- 22 Large church in Devon (6,9)
- 24 IOW resort (4)
- 25 Face-covering (4)
- 26 Soaked (5)
- 27 Come across (4)

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- 28 Demoted (10)
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Hives of entertainment

Great bands save festival with their animal magic

BY SIMON ROBINSON

LET us reflect on the positives of Zoo8. (Feel free to count the number of painful, animal-related puns shoe-horned in below).

The whole weekend was anything but a roaring success (here we go), but all was not entirely lost.

Festival-goers went wild for the likes of The Hives, British Sea Power, Hadouken, The Crips and Ash, who all put in great performances on the main stage.

Music lovers also stamped to the festival's number one stage to watch producer extraordinaire Mark Ronson bring the opening day's proceedings to a close.

He was okay – but I can't see what all the fuss is about. After all, his set consisted of covers of covers of hit singles.

So the Zutons' hit single Valerie, covered superbly by Ronson/Winehouse was played live by Ronson/little-known guest vocalist.

Hardly elephant-astic.

Minor quibble aside, Ronson and all the other artists who performed at Zoo8 were largely well-received by the 12,000-strong crowd.

Lethal Bizzle deserves particular praise for



GREAT: Ash and Hadouken were among the acts who performed on the main stage at the Zoo8 festival



filling in for Dizzee Rascal. The carnivorous crowd were baying for blood at the beginning of his stand-in set, but were quickly converted and seemed to really enjoy his high-energy performance.

The dance tent was also a hit and arguably the most successful stage during the three-day event, with lots of monkeying about going on around the clock.

The festival also gave the cream of Kent's emerging talent a chance to reach a new audience, something which should not be overlooked.

And, of course, the proximity to the zoo was a real bonus, with a half-price entry deal running throughout the week, it wasn't too deer.

Port Lympne Wild Animal Park is one of the county's best tourist attractions, housing thousands of animals from majestic rhinos, tigers and elephants to hyperactive monkeys, bush dogs and wolves.

The park was only a ten-minute walk from the festival site and gave Zoo8 ticket holders an alternative to just lion around before the day's music began.

Yes, there were many, many problems with the festival.

But with the apologetic promoters promising to rectify them at Zoo9, perhaps a leopard can change his spots? (Apologies for the puns).

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CITY OF MEN (15)



Growing up in a culture dictated by violence, teenagers Acerola and Laranjinha have become close. With their 18th birthdays fast approaching, Laranjinha sets out to find the father he never met, while Acerola struggles to raise his own young son. But they suddenly find themselves on opposite sides of a violent gang war.

That spandex moment

BY KATE WHITING

MERYL Streep is best known for her serious roles in films like *Out of Africa*, so it's really quite hard to imagine her as a flamboyant Lycra-clad blonde, belting out Super Trouper and other camp Abba numbers.

But this is exactly the surprising transformation the two-time Oscar-winner has undergone for one of this summer's brightest blockbusters – the film adaptation of the hit musical *Mamma Mia!*

When we meet at an elegant hotel in London, Streep is looking her usual demure self – but she's mischievous and keen to dispel the idea that she's out of place in musicals.

"My first Broadway show was a musical and then I'd done a lot of musicals in high school, so it was like coming home to a thing that I always loved doing," she says.

"I haven't done many because I haven't done much stage, even though I wanted to, in a long time... and people are afraid to make musicals into movies."

Streep heads an impressive cast-list as Donna, a hippy mum running a guest house on a Greek island whose only daughter Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is about to get married.

Unknown to Donna, Sophie has pinched her mum's diary from the year she was born and has invited her three potential fathers (played by Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth and Stellan Skarsgård) to her wedding, although her mum hasn't seen them in 20 years.

Cue much mayhem in the sweltering heat as Sophie tries to



ORIGINAL: Meryl Streep loved performing in her first movie musical *Mamma Mia!*

work out which man is her dad and Donna tries to chase them off the island – all set to various Abba classics.

One of the funniest, and most surreal, moments comes during Sophie's hen party, when Donna and her best friends (played by Julie Walters and Christine Baranski) squeeze into their plat-

form boots and colourful flares to perform one more time as 1970s band Donna And The Dynamos.

Streep, who recently turned 59 but doesn't look anywhere near it, fell in love with *Mamma Mia!* long before she was singled out to play Donna after watching it on Broadway in 2001.

"I took my ten-year-old and her

birthday party right after it had opened. It was right after September 11 and everyone was feeling really low and I thought 'What am I going to do with all these kids?', she says.

"I saw an ad in the New York Times and it said 'new British musical' and something about 'buoyant fun' and I thought 'Boy! I'm there'."

"I took the kids and we were all dancing in the aisles and down the street. I bought the album and sang the songs for two years."

The actress, who has four children with her husband of almost 30 years Don Gummer, admits she was apprehensive about her now grown-up offspring seeing their mum in psychedelic 1970s gear for some of the big retro dance numbers.

"I was nervous, but then I showed them all the stills and they've already had their mortification moment about me wearing spandex."

"We have to get over this," she says with a laugh. "I can't wait for them to see it. It's as if we've all done it for our daughters."

"My son will be appalled, but I think he'll actually like it because he's a musician and he'll get a kick out of it."

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It's Scilly to travel any further

BY GARY WRIGHT

IT may be a cliché, but as I gazed toward the sprinkling of tiny islands across the mauve waters reflecting the sunlight of the bay, I really could have been anywhere in the world.

Yet I was just 28 miles off the coast of mainland Britain, standing under a palm tree on one of the isle of Tresco's amazing beaches.

Tresco is arguably the prettiest of the archipelago that is the Isles of Scilly. But this idyllic location remains something of a secret; there are those 'in the know', the lucky few who have visited and come back year after year. And then there are the rest of us, who would perhaps struggle to point to the isles on a map.

The 2,000 residents – most of whom live on the main island of St Mary's – will happily tell you about the Gulf Stream that ensures higher temperatures and frost-free winters.

They might also mention their average wage is well under the rest of the UK and they might even moan, if light-heartedly, that the whole area is part of the Duchy of Cornwall and allows Prince Charles to rake in millions each year.

So, arguably, this is feudal Britain... but with a twist. Because they all love living there.

What they forget to mention, but it strikes any visitor immediately, is the lifestyle from another century. Everyone says 'good morning' and people really do leave their doors unlocked at night. No one can remember the last serious crime on the isles.

There is an air of innocence about the place,



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almost quaint, but it is sincere, unlike so many picturesque destinations.

But while Bryher is a walkers' paradise, with its granite hillsides, quartz-sprinkled beaches and dramatic views over the Atlantic breakers, do not think survival is basic.

Bryher's Hell Bay Hotel proves it's a luxury holiday location, too. Alongside some of the best service I've ever sampled in the UK, its cuisine is top-notch (sort of nouvelle British) and the wine list will please everyone.

Rooms are magnificent. Decorated in a simple New England style – pastel colours and plenty of wood – my balcony looked out to sea... next stop really was New York.

Its sister establishment on Tresco is The Island Hotel, a five-minute boat ride followed by tractor bus. Once again service was exceptional, but there was a more refined air – most people

dressed for dinner – compared with the newer Bryher upstart.

It is a regular in Britain's top 50 hotels and would be a winner in my book even if it were a potting shed, simply for its location. As I enjoyed a divine meal gazing across Long Point to Foreman's Island while the sun turned the sky red, I truly felt Scilly was unbeatable.

Tresco is the island of choice for many holiday-makers with its beaches, country walks, spectacular botanical gardens and lifestyle.

And the Flying Boat Club, with its restaurant bar, pool and spa, offers all the facilities of a first-class hotel for people staying in the club's beach houses and cottages.

So why are you flying halfway around the world for island isolation, spectacular scenery, exceptional service and escape from the crush of other holidaymakers?

FACT FILE

Holiday details

Getting there: Boat: Scillonian III passenger ferry. Departs from Penzance to St Mary's six days a week. From £76 return.

Airplane: Skybus from Southampton, Bristol, Exeter, Newquay and Land's End to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £109 to £309 return. Details flights and ferry: www.ios-travel.co.uk, or phone 0845 710 5555.

Helicopter: British International. Fly from Penzance Heliport to St Mary's, six days a week. Prices from £112 to £160 return. Details of helicopter, visit www.islesofscillyhelicopter.com, or phone 01736 363871.

Gary Wright was a guest at both the Hell Bay Hotel on Bryher (from £130 to £300 per person, including breakfast dinner and VAT) and The Island Hotel on Tresco (from £130 to £360 per person, including breakfast, dinner and VAT). For details, visit www.hellbay.co.uk and www.islandhotel.co.uk.

For timeshare options on Tresco with three-year advance rent and guaranteed cash-back and buy-back, see www.tresco.co.uk, or phone Tresco Estates on 01720 422849.

Boat travel between islands varies from £3 up, but hotels can advise and organise travel between islands.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Cooperation could help house market

THE Home Builders Federation wants the Government to do more to help provide affordable homes to buyers across the UK.

Executive chairman Stewart Baseley said any moves in this direction would go some way to boosting the country's property market and provide greater confidence for both sellers and buyers.

He said that it was only the private sector which could help in this area by delivering homes which were at the right price for those looking to buy and ministers should ensure that they work as closely as possible with developers to assist them in any way possible.

"This will bring much needed confidence to the market," said Mr Baseley.

Housing minister Caroline Flint has unveiled moves in this direction with £270 million released through the Housing Corporation to build new homes.

The federation called this "a step in the right direction" but added more needs to be done.

Government targets for new homes include a total of 240,000 to be built across the UK each year by 2016.

Stable interest rate predicted by analyst

INTEREST rates in the UK will remain on hold at five per cent until the end of this year according to a leading economist.

Ross Walker of the Royal Bank of Scotland said the trend of rising inflation rates and a weakening economy will keep rates stable for the next five months at least.

He said in reference to decision making in today's economic climate: "The Monetary Policy Committee is stuck like the proverbial rabbit in the headlights."

But he added he felt there would be movement next year, most likely in the first quarter.

The Bank of England, which oversees interest rates in the UK, is looking at how best to combat the credit crunch which has combined with high oil prices and increased food prices to cause the economic downturn.

The final decision on interest rates is the responsibility of the bank's Monetary Policy Committee which agreed last week to hold rates at five per cent.



USEFUL PROJECT: Empty buildings are being renovated as housing – the initiative has been so successful in east Kent that other district councils are joining the scheme

New homes from old

Scheme has seen almost 500 properties brought back to use

A PLAN which is helping to create new homes across the county by bringing long-term empty properties back into use has exceeded its delivery target.

Following a pioneering programme it has spread countywide and is aimed at renovating derelict properties – which are both useless and an eyesore.

Launched in 2005, No Use Empty – the Kent Empty Property Initiative started as a partnership between Kent County Council and East Kent coastal authorities including Dover, Shepway and Thanet.

Research had earlier revealed they had a large number of empty homes.

New figures just released reveal that in the past three years, almost 500 properties have been brought back into use as new, good quality homes and the remaining district councils from

■ BY NICK AMES

across the county have joined the initiative.

The initial three-year target for the number of empty properties to be returned to use was 372, and this figure has been surpassed by more than 30 per cent, with a total of 487 vacant properties given a new lease of life and turned into a home.

Roger Gough, cabinet member for regeneration at KCC, said: "Empty houses are a scourge on our local communities, preventing investment and regeneration, devaluing surrounding properties, attracting anti-social behaviour and depriving people of a much-needed home."

"In teaming up with local authorities from across the county, Kent has tackled this issue head-on, delivering outstanding results which prove this initiative is an effective and efficient approach to tackling empty housing."

"This success is a great testimony to the hard work and dedication of the No Use Empty project team, but especially the empty property officers from across the local district councils."

"The initiative has been widely praised across the UK as a unique partnership between county and local councils and is a blueprint for other councils in the country to follow."

David Ireland, chief executive of the Empty Homes Agency, said: "No Use Empty has more than lived up to its early promise."

"Not only have the councils performed well, but the initiative has had a catalytic effect encouraging others to bring empty homes back into use."

"The numbers of empty homes in east Kent has dropped significantly over the past three years. We think that Kent has created a fantastic model that other parts of the country should follow."

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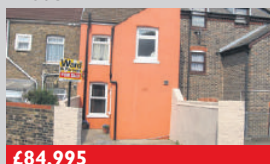
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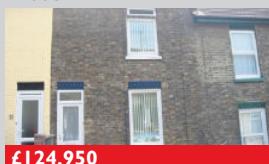
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OIEO £115,000

Two bedroom terrace house with off road parking, gas central heating and rear courtyard offered for sale with no chain.

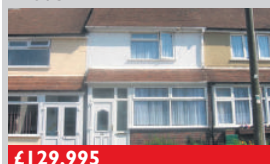
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Three bedroom terrace house in Crabble area with double glazing, gas central heating and courtyard garden. Viewing recommended.

Dover



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Two bedroom terrace house with attic room, utility, double glazing, gas central heating and gardens.

Dover



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Dover



£150,000

Three bedroom end of terrace house, gas central heating, double glazing, gardens, loft room, garage en bloc.

Dover



£155,000

Two bedroom detached bungalow with conservatory, double glazing, gas central heating, garage and gardens. No chain.

River



ONO £159,950

Three bedroom terrace cottage situated opposite Kearsney Abbey with two reception rooms, double glazing, gas central heating and garden. No chain.

Dover



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Three bedroom detached house in Maxton with double glazing, gas central heating and garden. Viewing recommended.

Shepherdswell



£209,995

Three bedroom end of terrace house in village location with two reception rooms, double glazing, gas central heating, garden and off road parking. Viewing recommended.

Dover



OIEO £215,000

Three bedroom semi detached house with two reception rooms, bathroom and shower room, original features, rear garden.

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Asking Price £219,995

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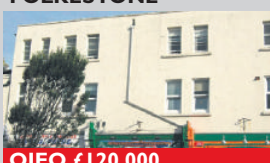
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£95,000

A one bedroom first floor flat with lounge, kitchen, bathroom, double glazing and gas central heating.

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OIEO £120,000

2nd floor flat situated on the main Sandgate Road with entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, utility area, two bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Gas central heating, some original features, viewing recommended.

FOLKESTONE



£129,000

Mid terrace house with entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and bathroom/WC. Double glazed, GCH with radiators to the ground floor only, rear garden and stamp duty exempt.

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FOLKESTONE



OIEO £140,000

An older style terrace house comprising: lounge/diner, kitchen, lobby, bathroom/WC and three bedrooms. Courtyard garden. Gas fires to the lounge. Requires some redecoration.

FOLKESTONE



£149,950

An older style three storey terrace house located in a cul-de-sac and comprising: entrance hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom/WC and store room.

FOLKESTONE



£149,995

This end of terrace house has no chain and has been refurbished and redeccorated comprising: entrance hall, lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, three bedrooms and bathroom/WC.

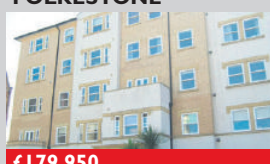
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£179,950

Ground floor flat with entrance hall, lounge, lean-to, kitchen/diner, conservatory, 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC, cellar and second reception room. GCH. Private garden. Off road parking.

FOLKESTONE



£179,950

2nd floor apartment with lift facilities and allocated parking for 2 cars, with entrance hall with security entry phone, 2 bedrooms, 1 with en-suite shower room/WC, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen.

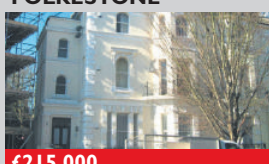
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Viewing is recommended with this property comprising: lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC, wine cellar and 2nd bathroom/WC. GCH. Communal gardens. No chain.

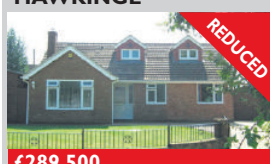
FOLKESTONE



£215,000

Ground floor flat with entrance hall, lounge, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms with en-suite to master, shower room. Wheelchair access. Gas central heating. Security entry phone. No Chain.

HAWKINGE



£289,500

Detached chalet bungalow with no chain. Entrance hall, lounge, sitting room, fitted kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bath/shower room/WC and en-suite shower room/WC.

ALKHAM



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- D/glazing, own garden



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FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02642**

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DOVER **£94,950**

DOVER OFFICE **BDP02759**

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FOLKESTONE **£104,995**

FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02546**

- One bedroom flat
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FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02581**

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FOLKESTONE OFFICE **HFP02514**

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- No chain



FOLKESTONE

£189,995

FOLKESTONE

HFP02583

- Two bedroom detached bungalow
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- Vacant possession



DOVER £120,000 OIEO

DOVER OFFICE

BDP02575

- Well presented 3 bed
- Needs to be seen
- NO CHAIN!!



DOVER

£129,995

DOVER OFFICE

BDP02794

- Three Bedrooms
- NO CHAIN
- Rear garden



FOLKESTONE £179,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02612

- Three bedroom, courtyard location
- Close to harbour
- Dbl glazing



SANDGATE

£209,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE

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- 3 Bedroom semi, no chain
- Large garden, parking
- Some modernisation required



BROADMEAD VILLAGE £209,995

FOLKESTONE

HFP02616

- 3 bedroom semi detached
- Garage to rear
- Desirable area



DOVER

£114,995

DOVER OFFICE

BDP02746

- Two bedrooms
- Excellent Condition
- Rear garden



DOVER

£137,500

DOVER OFFICE

BDP02815

- 3 Bedrooms
- Ready to move in to
- Excellent condition



CHERITON

£194,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02373

- Lovely home with character
- Three bedrooms
- Good sized kitchen



DOVER

£139,995

DOVER OFFICE

BDP02703

- Two bedrooms
- Beautiful Home
- Must be seen!



ST MARGARETS AT CLIFFE £199,950

DOVER OFFICE

BDP02778

- Two Double bedrooms
- Garage & Off street parking
- Sought after location

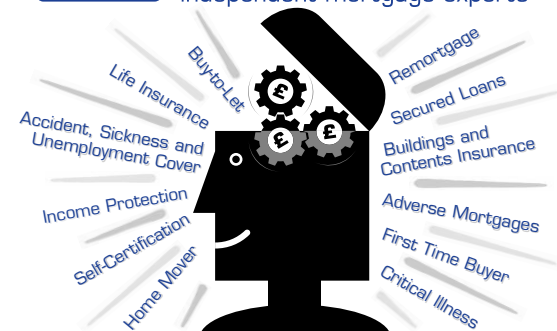


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MOTORS NEWS



Greenest Fiesta comes with go-faster stripes

FORD will use next week's British International Motor Show at Excel, London (July 23-August 3) as the launch pad for an all-new and even more pivotal Fiesta model.

The original car was launched in 1976 and the latest generation will feature some of the greenest ever versions of the long-running hatchback.

Ironically, for these tough motoring times though, it will be one of the raciest looking Fiestas ever.

It goes on sale in October in both three and five-door forms.



Twingo's sporty twist ready for September

RENAULT'S new Twingo may have been upstaged by the arrival of the Fiat 500, but dealers are taking orders for September delivery of this sporting flagship wearing charismatic 'Renaultsport' performance branding.

The £11,550 Twingo Renaultsport 133 has a 1.6-litre petrol engine, with standard kit including Renaultsport tuned chassis plus electronic stability control, 16-inch alloys and a suitably sporty interior with Renaultsport front seats and orange seatbelts. Renault might yet add a turbocharger to create an ultimate model later on, though.



New eco-friendly 4x4 is Audi's posh creation

AUDI will slot a smaller SUV into its line-up later this year.

The Q5 will sit below the big Q7 and should be a leisure 4x4 more suited to straitened times, while offering a prestige badge and style.

The German executive marque claims the newcomer combines the poise of a sports saloon with the flexibility of a performance SUV (sports utility vehicle) and will be suitable for all seasons and all surfaces.

Prices are expected to start at £30,000.



DREAM MACHINE: It may be some time before residual values of the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon can match those of German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before

Alfa striking right chord with this classy number

IS the Alfa Romeo 159 Sportwagon the ultimate estate car for style?

Based on the gorgeous-looking saloon, this 'liftback' model just oozes class, from the distinctive 'shield' grille and flanking array of lamps to the sharply cut short overhang back end.

Of course, like most so-called 'lifestyle estates' it isn't the ultimate load carrier space-wise, but the marriage of extra practicality with looks is hard to beat.

Omens are also good for the lifetime of this handsome lifestyle wagon; after several much heralded new, but eventually false dawns on the durability front, this latest Alfa family model seems to wear well.

Okay, it might be some time before residual values match German rivals, but there is hope where none existed before.

As always with an Alfa it is also easy to silence nagging doubts inside the head by pulling on the heart strings as you fire up the engine and head for the open road, especially when the model in question is the £27,850 flagship 159 2.4-litre diesel Sportwagon in Lusso spec with all-wheel drive, as tested here.

ROAD TEST ALFA ROMEO 159

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

This is an Audi Quattro Avant with Italian style and flair and, based on experience with more humdrum 159 models, this is where you want to be if you can afford it.

Well-designed leather upholstery and extra toys suit the thoroughbred class of the Italian headturner.

The engine can be gruff, but 210bhp and ample low down torque can be applied beautifully via the Q4 system – Alfa's trade name for its 'quattro' equivalent.

The result is a taut driver's car without ride discomfort – a sporting estate with everyday family appeal.

Even the interior has sufficient style without the silly attempts at individualism that have marred Alfas of the past.

There is also decent head and legroom in the back plus clever stowage in the boot even if the six-CD autochanger is to be found there rather than in the dashboard.

Yes, the 159 range (from £18,550) is a milestone for the Italian brand – a buyer's head and heart can be in harmony at last on this classy number.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FORD FIESTA



FORD'S hugely successful supermini marches on with a new model at the end of this summer, but don't expect a weakening in used prices; the credit crunch, rising fuel prices and draconian road taxes have made the Fiesta a top target for its reliability, decent driving experience, engines to suit all pockets and three and five-door body styles. Ford has also regularly produced special and limited editions laden with extra goodies, offering plenty more choice – at a price.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL CORSA



VAUXHALL'S Corsa was created to attack the Ford Fiesta head on, yet has never quite achieved the volumes of its rival. Nevertheless, it offers the same virtues, plus a greater range of engines including a punchy and frugal, if a little buzzy, three-cylinder petrol engine now in greater demand due to these straitened times. Several generations of Corsa followed a 'teardrop' body style, but the latest car is bigger and more aggressively sculpted – almost a 'supersize supermini'.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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RENAULT CLIO



DOWNSIZING can be sensible and chic with the Clio and the most recent generations have married durability and driving fun with Gallic charm. Again, the option of three or five doors is a big selling point, but our French contender also has the bonus of excellent diesel versions, though the cost of the actual fuel versus petrol argues against it currently. The Clio design has tended to be highly practical as well as charming, with good space for rear passengers.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

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Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670

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I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177

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Single girl, hardworking, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar for let's see how it goes. Box 901072

IN THE COUNTRY

Are you the one? I'm 33, single, 5'12", pure country lass from farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me forever happy. Box 892295

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

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Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041

ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, seeks non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782

R U THE 1?

Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

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Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930

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ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION

Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, likes cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship... Box 442205

COULD IT BE YOU?

Hi I'm 44, slim, 5'8", a redhead, love nights out, socialising, looking for friendship initially and hopefully more later on. Box 898900

BLACK MAGIC

Loving black female, 49yr old, slim build, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTW a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441639

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out, possible LTR. Box 440879

PET ME

Sincere caring female, 50, 5'12", likes gardening, animals, outdoors, socialising, seeking similar non-smoker with GSOH for friendship, relationship. Box 441981

HOW MANY BOXES CAN YOU TICK?

Young-at-heart, honest, caring female, 50, 5'16", dark brown hair, slim-medium build, enjoys going out, the countryside, sessie, seeking similar reliable male for friendship/more. Box 442126

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

49, 5'14", long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Box 417100

LONELINESS NO MORE!

Maxine, 51, an Arnes, very loving, romantic, have grown-up children, love walks, socialising, seeking similar aged male who wants to stop being alone! Box 440774

LOVING LADY...

53, fit and healthy, single now for nine years and can't find the right man! If you enjoy sports and love music let's chat! Box 923309

LOVING & HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Judi, caring female, 51, 5'3", brown hair, hazel eyes, own business, WLTW nice, tall, good looking for laughter, life and love. Box 926614

COAST AND COUNTRY

I'm a kind female, 52, slim, 5'3", dark hair, I like music, dancing, reading, coast, countryside. Seeking kind, genuine man, 45-60, for LTR. Box 430032

MAKE ME SMILE

Kind-hearted woman, 55, 5'12", short blonde hair, blue eyes, likes conversations, nights out, long walks, WLTW a similar male for fun & friendship, maybe more. Box 890167

LOVE IS AN OPTION...

Young caring lady, 45, blonde, 5'14", average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friend/hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442343

ON A PLATE

Caring, honest 46yr old female, 5'2", eyes of blue, redhead. Likes cinema, theatre, walking, WLTW male for fun and friendship. Box 895928

SANDY SEEKS DANNY

Slip, petite Sandy, 46, brown hair, green eyes, no ties, loves socialising, eating out etc, GSOH, seeking trustworthy, honest man for partnership and mutual affection. Box 440100

OH MANDY

Mandy, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional, WLTW honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432939

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

READ ME!

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IN MY SIGHTS

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WALKS ALONG THE COAST

Honest & sincere female, 58, tall, GSOH, loves country pubs, coasts, cinema, seeking a man who's a match for me with GSOH for relationship. Box 441622

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH

Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

SUE BY THE SEA

Shy widow with GSOH, 59, enjoys walks, eating out, music and cooking, looking for friendship and male company. Box 442260

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REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life. WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440

LOVE ME DO

Hi, I'm 38yrs old & fun, friendly & reliable, looking for friendship to start with, possibly of a relationship. Box 442309

HI LADIES

I'm 38, 5'11", average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056

QUALITY TIME

Laid-back, sincere male, 38, 5'11", fair hair green eyes, enjoys travelling, football, family time, seeking easygoing, fun-loving Box 441369

LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Tall and handsome male, 39, dark hair, divorced, WLTW a larger lady, size 14+, 22-32, for a long term relationship. Box 442162

DO WE FIT TOGETHER?

Frank, 41, carpenter, 6'11", very down-to-earth, medium build, nervous! Seeking a female for friendship, companionship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853

I CAN MAKE YOU SMILE

Separated father, 61/2, chef, enjoy good wine and food, walks on the beach, WLTW female for fun and good company. Box 441499

ADAM SEEKS EVE

Divorced dad, 42, enjoys going out, long walks, cooking, seeking bubbly, fun, easygoing female to spend life with. Box 442228

CAN YOU RESIST?

Fun-loving humorous guy, 43, seeking a nice, genuine, honest and friendly female who is down to earth, energetic and fun! Box 442770

BACK ON THE MARKET!

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Genial, reliable male, 43, likes pubs, days out, nights in/out, watching films, good-looking, seeking curvy female 29-48 for mutual love & happiness. Box 442108

GIVE IT A SHOT

Generous, considerate, caring white male, 43, hard-working, 5'7", medium build, enjoys night out, fun surroundings, seeking like-minded female to build romantic future and LTR with. Box 890290

CRAZY FOR YOU

Attractive, considerate man, 42, enjoys quiet nights in, socialising, movies, meals, the odd dance, seeks special lady to take out, a soulmate. Box 442191

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, coasts, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967

JOIN ME, COMPLETE US

Young-looking 44yr old white male, seeking LTR with a slim, attractive, tall African lady with long hair or braids. 20-40. Box 442185

SNOGS & CUDDLES PLEASE

Shy but outgoing 46yr old male with GSOH and outgoing nature, seeking a lovely like-minded lady for cuddles and snogs. Box 437535

SOMEONE TO SHARE LOVE WITH

Kind, considerate, caring, honest guy, 47, 6ft, hazel eyes, brown eyes, medium build, like football, swimming, reading, driving, seeking caring female to share life with! Box 892531

PASSION FLOWER

Slip, sincere Scorpio male, 49, intelligent man build with a wicked SOH, considerate, honest, passionate guy looking for a similar woman. Box 892156

AS GOOD AS IT GETS

Honest, reliable male, 50, 6'11", blue eyes, no lies, likes tv, music, drinks in/out, seeking female 40-65 who wants to be loved for LTR. Box 442318

LET'S GET TOGETHER

SO single partner, lonely, WLTW guy with GSOH into sport, driving, travelling, music, perhaps up for love and lasting happiness. Box 442333

MY HEART WILL GO ON

Young, single, 50, likes eating in/out, cinema, music, country walks, WLTW a nice, cuddly lady, 60-70. Box 440903

STILL SEARCHING

Attractive, slim male, 51, 5'17", enjoys reading books, poetry, art galleries, keeping fit and Asian food, WLTW slim, interesting conversationalists for an active life together. Box 440620

IN MY SIGHTS

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Loving, considerate male, 53, enjoys walks on the beach, gardening, motorsport and eating out. WLTW female for a long-term relationship. Box 441267

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Closing Date: 21st July 2008
Interview Date: 25th July 2008
Start Date: September 2008

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Closing date: Friday 25th July 2008 at midday
Interview date: Friday 1st August 2008

If you would like to discuss this post further please call Linda Ranger on 01227 781 297

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Nacro Operations in Kent offer vocational and skills training to young people aged 14-19 years and adult learners and those who wish to improve their literacy and numeracy. Our aim is to motivate, raise self-esteem and increase self confidence through effective training and skills development to progress our learners into education, training or employment.

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SCHOOLS PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

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Our 14-16 year old programmes include Key stage 4 Engagement Programme (50/50) and Alternative Curriculum programmes for individual schools. Our programme objectives are to develop and encourage vocational and employability skills which enable young people to re-engage and make positive life choices.

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£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16-18 and requires an enthusiastic, Lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

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Please note that this position will be subject to a CRB check.



TIE PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a personal development and employability project (called TIE) across Kent and Medway and Surrey to 14-19 years olds. The post will be based in Kent and Medway, but will require the post-holder to travel to Surrey on a regular basis. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-19 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post is dependent of ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

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37 hours per week
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Previous applicants need not apply.

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Closing Date: 25th July 2008
Interview Date: To be arranged

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You must be passionate about providing a service that makes a difference to the lives of our service users; be a confident communicator, with an enthusiastic, proactive, energetic approach plus a car owner / driver. You will also have a good working knowledge of Control Centres, Telecare and their applications.

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For an informal discussion about this post contact Shelley Squance on 01303 853186 or Angela Vince on 01303 853184.

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Rob Neil on 01233 330850

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Brenchley House, Maidstone

The Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Team is part of a dynamic team responsible for delivering the Kent BSF and Academies programme for Kent County Council.

Kent County Council was successful in obtaining funding through the national BSF programme which will see investment through a mix of new build and refurbishment of all secondary schools in Kent. For the purposes of delivering the programme KCC is currently undergoing a procurement process to select a private sector partner to deliver all of the construction projects to the secondary estate in Gravesham, Thanet and Swale. Following the conclusion of the first procurement, KCC intends to procure a further two partners who will deliver to the rest of the County.

We are seeking to appoint two Project Managers (Site Liaison/Construction) to join this high profile team. You will be responsible for providing input during the procurement and lead up to construction works, management of the interface between the Contractor, KCC and schools during the construction phase, decant and building handover.

You will work with the existing KCC BSF/PFI and Academies Team, its external advisors, schools and other local stakeholders, as well as with Partnerships for Schools (PFS) and the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to ensure that local proposals facilitate delivery of the national objectives.

You will have excellent organisational, communication and negotiation skills. You will need to demonstrate motivation, and the ability to work on your own or as part of a team. Previous experience of working with or within a construction environment as well as a current understanding of the Education sector is essential, with previous experience in procurement or the public sector an advantage.

Ref: CFHE/08/0283

Closing date: Midday, 24th July 2008.

Interview date: 12th August 2008.

Westwood Centre, Margate

All posts are fixed term until August 2009

Team Leader

Starting salary £29,920, with progression
through contribution related pay to £35,370 pa

Do you have experience of and commitment to working with young people, and could you support and offer guidance to other colleagues?

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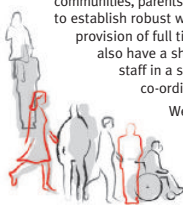
The primary function of this role is to manage and support the Kent Safe Schools Alternative Curriculum Provision at the Westwood Centre. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people.

This potentially challenging yet highly rewarding role will encourage an organised, innovative and young person's focussed approach to education, working effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda.

The role will include working alongside staff, agencies, schools, communities, parents and young people to identify opportunities to establish robust working partnerships. You will manage the provision of full time education for the young people and also have a shared responsibility for supporting other staff in a similar area, with a particular focus on the co-ordination of services, induction and training.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

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The main elements of this role are to directly design and deliver engaging and exciting educational programmes and sessions. We are developing an innovative project designed to meet the holistic educational needs of those who have been identified at risk of permanent exclusion in Key Stage Four within an off-school setting for fifty young people.

These challenging, yet highly rewarding roles will need an organised and innovative person who is focussed to education. You will work effectively with the curriculum to provide core subjects, vocational experiences and the development of an inclusive approach to wider supportive services and the extended schools agenda. An open approach to deliver across a spectrum of subject areas is preferable and may include the design and delivery of schemes of work based around our dedicated areas of specialism that include: Motor Vehicle Engineering, Construction, IT, Carpentry, Art and Music.

The role will include working alongside other staff members, agencies, schools, communities and parents to maximise young peoples learning opportunities and to establish robust working partnerships.

We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

Ref: CFHE/08/0271

Project Assistant

Starting salary £13,959, with progression
through contribution related pay to £15,826 pa pro-rata term time

4 Posts with the possibility of an 18.5 hour job share for the equivalent of one post

Kent Safe Schools have successfully secured a bid to support permanently excluded young people through alternative education programmes.

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We are looking for applicants with a good understanding of educational issues and who possess experience of working with young people, specifically in the secondary sector.

You will be a flexible Project Assistant with commitment, vision and passion who can be a key part of the staff team.

Additionally, you will support the delivery of a broad-based curriculum aimed at targeting up to 50 young people at Key Stage 4, complementing other professional disciplines.

The aims of the teams' work will be the maintenance and development of young people towards recognised qualifications and learning outcomes.

Ref: CFHE/08/0273

Closing date for all three posts:

Midday, 18th July 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

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Ref: JU02

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Ref: JU03

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Additional Learning Support Tutor Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

Ref: JU04

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Technician in Engineering Support Grade B: £15,057 - £18,534

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Ref: JU07

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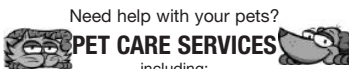
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Marketing man to lead young entrepreneurs

KENT Association for Young Entrepreneurs has appointed a new chairman.

The only organisation of its kind in the country committed to helping the county's young entrepreneurs, it has appointed David Ing to the role. He is managing director of Maidstone-based CFA Marketing Communications.

It follows a three-year involvement with the organisation, which is supported by the Kent branch of the Institute of Directors.

He takes over from Jo Ostermeyer, of chartered accountants Creaseys LLP.

Travel firms moves into luxury with takeover

MAIDSTONE-based Medway Travel is celebrating its 15th year in business by expanding into a rapidly growing niche area for luxury holidays.

It has just taken over the Wellbeing Holidays International brand by merging tour operator Pegasus Luxury Travel into its business.

Pegasus's Geoff Davies, who set up the travel firm in 1997, approached Medway Travel and asked if it would like to work with him.

Paul Julius, of Medway Travel, saw it as a way of meeting increasing demands from customers for luxury holidays.

Eco merchant in line for green leader award

AN ECO-FRIENDLY building and decorating materials supplier is in the running for a top green business award.

Ecomerchant, based in Goodnestone, near Canterbury, has been selected as one of the top 40 environment-friendly businesses in this year's Barclays Commercial Bank Green Leaders in Business Awards.

The company was founded ten years ago by Joe Wild after he discovered how difficult it was to source such materials.

It will now bid to be crowned the National Green Leader in Business in the medium business category.

There's a new face at chamber's helm

Director Jo takes on Kent Invicta chief executive role

■ BY TONY PATEY

IT'S all change at the top of one of the county's biggest business support organisations, after Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce appointed a new chief executive.

Chris Capron has stepped down from the role because of long-term illness and been replaced by Jo James.

Mr Capron has been at the helm of the chamber for the past nine years, successfully guiding it through an era of expansion.

He built it from the Ashford Chamber of Commerce to become Kent Invicta Chamber, which covers the areas of Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone and west Kent, with offices in Ashford and Maidstone.

As the largest chamber in the county – and now one of the largest in the South East – Kent Invicta has an active membership of 1,200 businesses.

Graham Galpin, the chamber's chairman, said: "It has been a pleasure and an honour to work with Mr Capron, to whom we owe so much."

"He has placed the chamber in an enviable position and one of great strength."

"Since he has been recovering from surgery in November, Mrs James, the chamber's director of

membership services, has taken on the role as acting chief executive and has done an excellent job in keeping it moving forward in this difficult interim period.

"Having worked for the chamber since 1989, Mrs James has been involved in all aspects of the chamber's activities and has been at the forefront of many of its developments and achievements over this period."

"Her enthusiasm and experience will ensure that it continues to grow and develop for the benefit of the membership. I have no doubt it will continue to move forward under her capable guidance."

Mrs James said: "I am, of course, thrilled and proud to take on the chief executive role and will continue to work for its benefit, as well as for the members and the business community as a whole."

"Naturally, I hope to inject into the position my own philosophies, and there are likely to be some changes because of that."

"I see my role very much as a guide, helping the board and the staff to find the best way to develop the chamber to the benefit of the members and the community."

To find out more about the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, you can email info@kentinvictachamber.co.uk, phone 01233 503838, or visit www.kentinvictachamber.co.uk.



TOP JOB: Jo James has been appointed chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce after Chris Capron resigned because of ill-health, after helping its expansion

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Win keeps Bettes in hunt for the title

BETTESHANGER Colliery Welfare stayed in the Feeder League East 1A title hunt with a five-wicket victory against Wye.

Wye's openers put on 100 for the first wicket but Michael McNicholas took 4-29 as they were all out for 197.

Clive Towe (83) and Chris Garton (57) led the Betteshanger reply and they surpassed Wye's total in the 49th over.

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Gills boss Mark Stimson talks about the club's busy pre-season schedule

Stunning century puts Folkestone back in the game

A MAGNIFICENT unbeaten century from Himanshu Waingankar steered Folkestone away from defeat in a match dominated by Whitstable.

Coming to the crease with the team wobbling on 68-4, the batsmen struck 121 not out to see the visitors through to the end of the innings to claim a draw.

The home side won the toss and immediately set about racking up a big score. Openers Stuart Sinclair and Max Campbell scored at more than a run a ball and put on 152 for the first wicket.

Campbell was particularly impressive, hitting two sixes and 15 fours in his knock of 92, which came from only 79 balls.

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

The scoring continued apace after Denly's arrival at the crease, as he hit six sixes to push the score past 300. Once his century was reached, Whitstable declared to give themselves a greater chance of bowling Folkestone out.

Luke Samarasinghe departed for a duck at the start of Folkestone's reply and with three more batsmen falling cheaply, the visitors were heading for a big defeat.

But Waingankar's knock changed the balance of the game and with support from Lawrence Ward and Andy Bray, Folkestone hung on to avoid defeat.



STUBBORN: Folkestone's batsmen dug in to avoid defeat against Whitstable

Kent League Division One

Whitstable 1st XI v Folkestone 1st XI

Whitstable	Runs	Folkestone	Runs
Max Campbell lbw b Waingankar	92	Luke Samarasinghe ct Denly b Mills	0
Stuart Sinclair run out	56	David Miles b Mills	14
Sam Denly not out	100	Himanshu Waingankar not out	121
Darren Bovis ct Day b Waingankar	15	Andy Bourne ct Loader b Bovis	1
Tim Wilson b Mills	10	Daniel Clark lbw b Bovis	4
James Loader b Bray	11	Lawrence Ward c & b Hardy	37
Luke Jackson not out	0	Andy Bray ct Chittim b Sinclair	23
Michael Seager did not bat	0	Matt Day did not bat	0
Simon Chittim did not bat	0	John Champion did not bat	0
James Mills did not bat	0	Stewart Graham did not bat	0
Duncan Hardy did not bat	0	Michael James did not bat	0
Extras (14b 8lb 3w 4nb)	29	Extras (8lb 2w 1nb)	11
Total (5 wickets dec, 49 overs)	313	Total (6 wickets, 51 overs)	217

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Andy Bray	7	0	56	1
Michael James	8	1	55	0
H Waingankar	15	2	69	2
John Champion	15	0	70	0
David Miles	3	0	29	1
L Samarasinghe	1	0	12	0

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
James Mills	7	3	30	2
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Darren Bovis	10	2	36	2
Duncan Hardy	15	1	66	1
James Loader	3	0	12	0
Stuart Sinclair	9.3	1	50	1

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT PREMIER LEAGUE

Sandwich Town 1st XI
v Gore Court 1st XI

A CENTURY from Leon Johnson helped struggling Sandwich Town upset the form book by beating title hopefuls Gore Court by 34 runs.

The visitors won the toss and their decision to bowl looked a good one as Sandwich were reduced to 74-5.

Johnson rebuilt the innings and put on 97 with Robert Goatham before he was run out.

Chasing 249 for victory, Chris Piesley put Gore Court on course for victory with 85. But the visitors suffered an alarming collapse, losing their last six wickets for just 29 runs.

Victory lifted Sandwich to within two points of safety.

Sandwich		Runs
Michael Beaumont	ct Marsh b Hussain	5
Sam Northeast	lbw b Hussain	16
Kevin Beaumont	ct Marsh b P Edwards	0
Leon Johnson	run out	117
David Draper	b Collins	17
Craig Snell	b Collins	0
David Scarr	b Piesley	20
Robert Goatham	not out	53
Gavin Lawrence	lbw b Cooper	4
Craig Spanton	st Marsh b Cooper	0
Liam Evans	lbw b A Edwards	0
Extras (1b 9lb 4w 2nb) 16		
Total (all out, 54.3 overs)		248

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Adel Hussain	11	0	64	2
Philip Edwards	13	5	48	1
Adam Collins	5	0	26	2
Chris Piesley	12	1	38	1
Alex Edwards	11.3	0	55	1
Richard Cooper	2	0	7	2

Gore Court

	Runs
Steve Marsh	ct Spanton b Evans 17
Chris Piesley	ct Northeast b Johnson 85
Richard Cooper	b Spanton 18
Kevin Jones	lbw b Goatham 43
Neville Talbot	ct Spanton b Johnson 12
Christian Marsh	ct Lawrence b Spanton 13
Philip Edwards	ct Lawrence b Spanton 0
Martin McCague	b Goatham 0
Adel Hussain	ct Lawrence b Spanton 0
Adam Collins	not out 8
Alex Edwards	lbw b Goatham 10
Extras (4lb 4w) 8	
Total (all out, 53.1 overs)	214

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Craig Spanton	15	2	46	4
Liam Evans	6	0	35	1
Sam Northeast	7	0	40	0
Leon Johnson	12	0	55	2
Robert Goatham	13.1	1	36	3

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE

EAST 1A
Sibton Park 1st XI v Bexley 1st XI

SIBTON Park remain deep in the relegation mire after losing to promotion-chasing Bexley by 123 runs.

The visitors opted to bat after winning the toss and proceeded to post a decent total. Adam Ball hit an unbeaten century to help Sibton Park to 263-5, with Andy and Ben Allon sharing four wickets for the hosts.

In reply, Andy Allon hit 67 but their chances of only a second victory this season disappeared when their remaining five batsmen could contribute a mere six runs.

They were all out for 140 to stay in the bottom two, 14 points from safety.

Bexley		Runs
Babar Khan	ct A Allon b B Allon	40
Stephen Richards	b A Allon	43
George Wells	run out (Newman)	0
Adam Ball	not out	107
Daniel Pratt	lbw b A Allon	53
Nikeer Dasandi	ct A Allon b B Allon	8
Alex Pinnock	not out	0
Jason Benn	did not bat	0
Steven Silver	did not bat	0
Vince Wells	did not bat	0
Adam Riley	did not bat	0
Extras (6lb 4w 2nb) 12		
Total (5 wickets, 50 overs)		263

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Sam Newman	5	0	22	0
Trevor Lewis	9	2	45	0
Ben Allon	9	3	36	2
Christopher Spring	14	2	70	0
Andy Allon	13	1	84	2

Sibton Park

Sibton Park		Runs
Andy Allon	lbw b Ball	67
Ben Allon	ct Pratt b Benn	2
Christopher Spring	b Benn	0
Tom Payne	ct Dasandi b Benn	0
Jamie Keeler	ct Wells b Benn	1
Steve Hobbs	ct Pratt b Silver	3
George Leadbetter	ct Pratt b Benn	37
Martin Wren	ct Silver b Riley	9
John Osborne	ct Wells b Riley	3
Sam Newman	b Benn	5
Trevor Lewis	not out	8

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Jason Benn	11.5	2	36	6
Steven Silver	9	2	35	1
George Wells	4	0	14	0
Adam Riley	10	2	38	2
Adam Ball	5	1	17	1

KENT LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO
Hythe 1st XI v Bromley Common

HYTHE went top of Division Two thanks to a comfortable five-wicket victory against Bromley Common.

Felding first, Ben Dwyer was the pick of the hosts' attack, taking 4-46 from 15 overs. Bromley Common were on the ropes almost immediately as opener Greg Robey was run out without scoring.

Runs from the rest of the top order were not repeated lower down and the visitors could only reach 162-9 from their 50 overs.

A century opening stand from Jon Smith and Leon Morgan set Hythe on their way and a routine win was wrapped up in the 25th over.

Bromley Common		Runs
Greg Robey	run out	0
Robbie Harris	b Dwyer	47
Julian Roach	lbw b Funnell	20
Craig Hamersley	ct Butler b Funnell	29
Jay Mannall	b Dwyer	0
Lee Hall	ct Large b Dwyer	6
Alex Lorimer	ct Duncombe b Dwyer	6
Nathan Amato	lbw b Owen	8
Kuchey Edgellwak	st Duncombe b Funnell	15
Matt Walker	not out	6
Obaidullah Sadiqui	not out	2
Extras (5b 6lb 6w 4nb) 21		
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs)		162

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Trevor Squire	7	3	19	0
Dan Large	7	1	33	0
Jon Smith	4	0	17	0
Ben Dwyer	15	1	46	4
Dan Funnell	14	3	28	3
Patrick Owen	3	0	8	1

Hythe

Hythe		Runs
Jon Smith	ct Lorimer b Sadiqui	57
Leon Morgan	ct Harris b Mannall	51
Trevor Squire	ct Hammersley b Mannall	12
Patrick Owen	run out	0
Dan Funnell	not out	18
Jamie Hemphrey	ct Walker b Mannall	6
Ben Dwyer	not out	9
Sam Butler	did not bat	0
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Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Matt Walker	4.5	1	32	0
Alex Lorimer	4	0	29	0
Obaidullah Sadiqui	8	0	49	1
Kuchey Edgellwak	1	0	19	0
Jay Mannall	8	2	29	3

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI
v New Ash Green 1st XI

A GOOD all-round performance saw Deal Victoria & Barns Close move a point clear at the top after a 166-run victory against basement side New Ash Green.

Batting first, Deal Victoria gained the upper hand with an opening partnership of 117 between David Gibb and Matthew Carley.

Robbie Brannan (47) and Stephen Moran (58) combined in the middle order to take the score to 260-5 from their allocation.

The home side's bowling attack made light work of the New Ash Green batting line-up, dismissing them for 94 in the 26th over. Scott McNamara took 4-29.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close		Runs
David Gibb	.b Mayers	69
Matthew Carley	st John b Sumner	36
Alex Hinkins	.lbw b Sumner	3
Austen Marsh	ct Klus b Mayers	10
Robbie Brannan	.not out	47
Stephen Moran	.run out	58
Andrew Miller	.not out	9
Scott McNamara	.did not bat.	0
Graham McNamara	.did not bat.	0
John Cunningham	.did not bat.	0
Ben Smith	.did not bat.	0
Extras (10b 4lb 13w 1nb) 28		
Total (5 wickets, 46 overs)		260

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Mike Sumner	12	0	74	0
Vic Mayers	12	2	35	0
Andy Mayers	11.2	2	45	2
Paul Sumner	11	0	92	2

New Ash Green

New Ash Green		Runs
Ian Martin	ct Smith b Hinkins	0
Martin Pickering	b Cunningham	0
Marc Klus	ct Moran b Cunningham	13
Vaughan John	ct Moran b S McNamara	5
Vic Mayers	ct Marsh b Hinkins	12
Andy Mayers	ct Brannan b S McNamara	38
Ian Davies	ct G McNamara b S McNamara	17
Paul Sumner	b S McNamara	5
Mike Sumner	ct Smith b G McNamara	0
David Baker	not out	1
Martin Fry	st Smith b G McNamara	0

Bowlers	0	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	9	4	27	2
John Cunningham	5	0	21	2
Scott McNamara	8	1	29	4
Graham McNamara	3.3	0	15	2

Waiting game for Athletic

DOVER Athletic manager Andy Hessenthaler admits he may have waited until the season is under way before he can add a striker to his squad.

The Ryman South champions have been looking for more firepower since Jimmy Dryden left for Folkestone Invicta in May.

Despite a wide search, the club have yet to bring in a replacement. Frannie Collin, Shaun Welford and Lee Browning are the only strikers in the Whites' squad and Hessenthaler is now unsure whether he can sign a forward before the start of the season.

He told Yourdover: "The problem is everyone is doing their pre-season and the players have clubs now."

"We may have to be patient, I don't know, but once the season gets under way certain players may not get a game – I'm talking about clubs in the Conference or Conference South – they might

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

become available within the first month of the season."

Former Reading academy player Nathan Bailey is on trial at Crabble and could fit the bill.

He played the second half in Dover's first pre-season friendly last Saturday, a 1-0 win at Faversham Town.

Frannie Collin scored the only goal of the game in the 78th minute.

Hessenthaler said: "It was a decent run out for us. We treated it like a training session and that's how it turned out. Probably the most disappointing thing, for all our good play from back to front, is that we only scored one goal."

Bailey was due to play in Dover's friendly at home to Folkestone Invicta last night. Log on to www.yourdover.co.uk for the report.



ON TRIAL: Striker Nathan Bailey in action against Faversham Town on Saturday

Picture: SIMON HARRIS



Picture: ANDY KERRY

BIG INNINGS: Darren Stevens hit Bears for six

Bear tamer Stevens helps Spitfires into Twenty20 finals day

CRICKET

DARREN Stevens inspired Kent to victory over the Warwickshire Bears to help them reach Twenty20 finals day for the second year in succession.

The Spitfires could be the first team to claim back-to-back Twenty20 titles after they beat the Bears convincingly by 42 runs at Edgbaston last Thursday.

Stevens helped his side recover from 60-4 to reach 175-6, a total that proved too much for the home team.

The former Leicestershire all-rounder clubbed 69 from 32 balls which included six fours and five sixes and was ably supported at the end by power hitter Azhar Mahmood. The Pakistani all-rounder smashed an unbeaten 25 from 13 balls to help take the game away from the Bears.

In reply, Warwickshire struggled and when Twenty20 specialist Darren Maddy was out with score at 78-5, all hope was lost for the home side.

Arafat took 3-29 while Stevens capped a man-of-the-match display after finishing with figures of 2-29, as Warwickshire ended on 133-8.

Key acknowledged Stevens' innings had turned the game in his side's favour.

He said after the game: "Darren Stevens played a serious innings. I thought 130 would mean we were in the game but 175 was always going to be too many."

Kent will play Essex Eagles in the semi-final at the Rose Bowl on July 26, with Middlesex playing either Durham or Nottinghamshire in the other match.

Although Kent will probably be the favourites, Key is not getting carried away.

He said: "With Twenty20 it depends on who pitches up on the day. We've got two more games to win but we're not in the final yet."

"The good thing is we've still got players to come good who haven't played as well as they can in Twenty20."

If Kent win the semi-final they will automatically be entered in September's Champions League against teams from around the world for a chance to win £2.4 million.

However, the England and Wales Cricket Board are yet to decide on whether teams that field players from the Indian Cricket League – such as Kent's Azhar Mahmood and Justin Kemp – will be allowed to feature.

Clubs pay too much for players, says Town boss

FOOTBALL

HYTE Town manager Paul Fisk is concerned his side are being priced out of the transfer market by other Kent League clubs with bigger budgets.

The Reachfields outfit enjoyed a successful campaign last season as they challenged for the title and reached the final of Kent League Cup.

But Fisk has yet to make a signing this summer which he believes is partly down to clubs over-inflating the transfer market.

He said: "We are struggling to sign players because there seems to be a lot of money being spent by other clubs in our league."

"We have still got good players so I'm not absolutely desperate. If we are going to strengthen it has got to be someone better than we have got already."

Hythe have a relatively small budget compared to some of their competitors and have relied on picking up players on the eve of the season in the past.

With pre-season fixtures about to start, many players go on trial at bigger clubs hoping to earn a permanent deal. The majority



COSTLY: Hythe Town boss Paul Fisk is struggling to bring in new players

fail and look down the divisions for first-team football, giving clubs like Hythe an opportunity.

Fisk said: "It's not nice when you see everyone else is signing players but we will just get on with it. We have picked up good players before at the start of the season and done well with them and we are confident we can do it again."

Hythe begin their pre-season with a trip to Lydd Town this Saturday.

Impressed Spiller aims to secure Invicta move

FOOTBALL

EXPERIENCED midfielder Lee Spiller has been impressed while spending time on trial with Folkestone Invicta's squad and is hopeful of signing a deal in the next fortnight.

The 29-year-old, whose former clubs include Welling United, Gravesend & Northfleet and Gillingham, has been training with Folkestone since the start of the month.

He was invited by Invicta's assistant manager, Scott Lindsay. The pair played together at Gillingham and Gravesend and Spiller jumped at the chance to link up again.

Along with the rest of the squad, Spiller has been put through his paces by former army physical training instructor Lee Dyson, running in the hills.

Despite the gruelling sessions, Spiller is pleased with his condition and from what he has seen, believes Folkestone have a shot at the Ryman South title next season.

He said: "After missing so much of last season through injury, I'm feeling really good. I wanted to go to a team which has the potential



EXPERIENCED: Lee Spiller could join Folkestone this month

to be successful and win promotion. There have been a lot of players moving in and out at Folkestone but I'm really happy, it's a strong squad."

"I know the level and what is needed so, fingers crossed, maybe something can be sorted out in the next couple of weeks."

Invicta began their pre-season fixtures against rivals Dover Athletic last night. Log on to www.yourshepway.co.uk for a report.

On Saturday they take on Tonbridge Angels at Cheriton Road. Kick-off is at 3pm.

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